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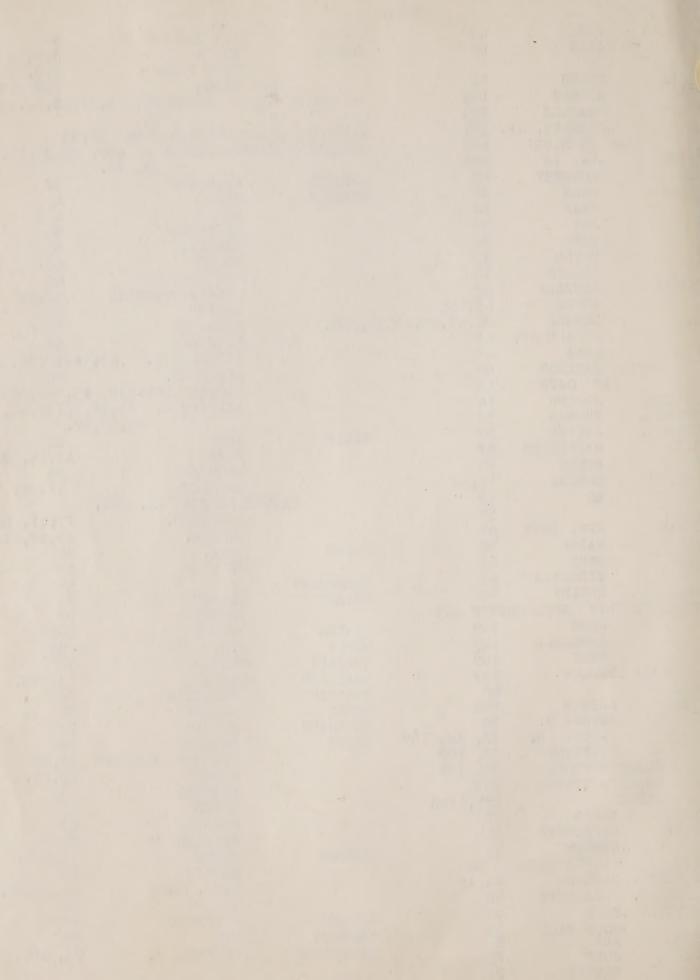
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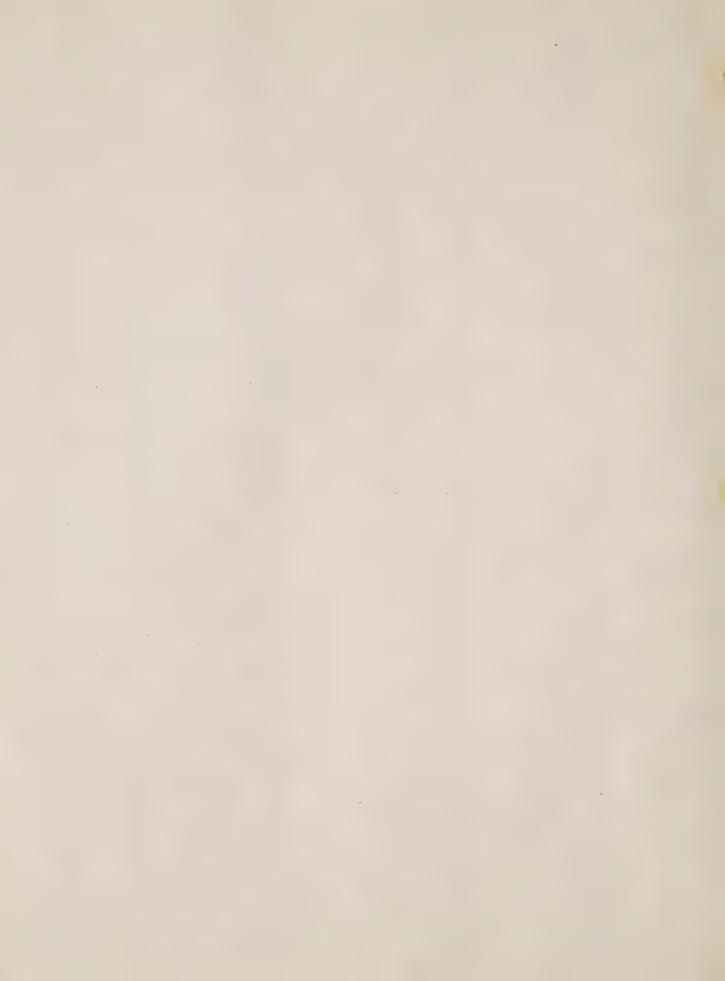


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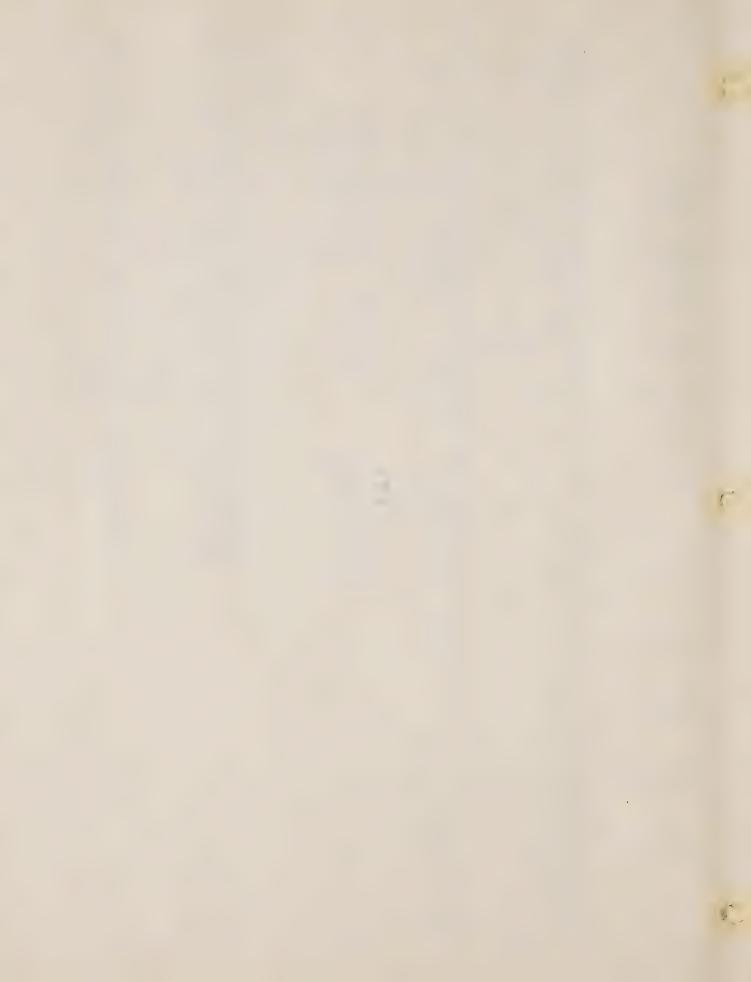


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PREFACE:

I was asked by friends to jot down on paper what I remember since I came into this world May 30, 1894, the son of Bert Eugene and Lelia Aurelia Burrows Tryon. My name is Albert Wallace Tryon, born in the village of Monterey, in the house across the road from the United States Post Office, which my father purchased from the H.W. Underwood estate in the late 1880's. I married in New York in the Little Church Around The Corner on December 27, 1926 Marguerite Estelle Stedman, daughter of William and May Belle Harrington Stedman from Tyringham. The Tryon family has four generations, native born sons who have lived all their lives in Monterey. My grandfather, Albert Tryon came here from New London, Connecticut, married Florilla Smith from Sandisfield, Massachusetts, worked as a blacksmith by trade, and was owner of Tryon's Hotel

As you read these notes, some of you will not agree with me and that is your privilege; as few people see things alike. Some things that I have put on paper should be forgotten, but history is history. These notes were started in January, 1972.

We have one son, Raymond Wallace Tryon, who married June Champigny, and they have one son, Leigh Raymond, and a daughter Kathie Ann.

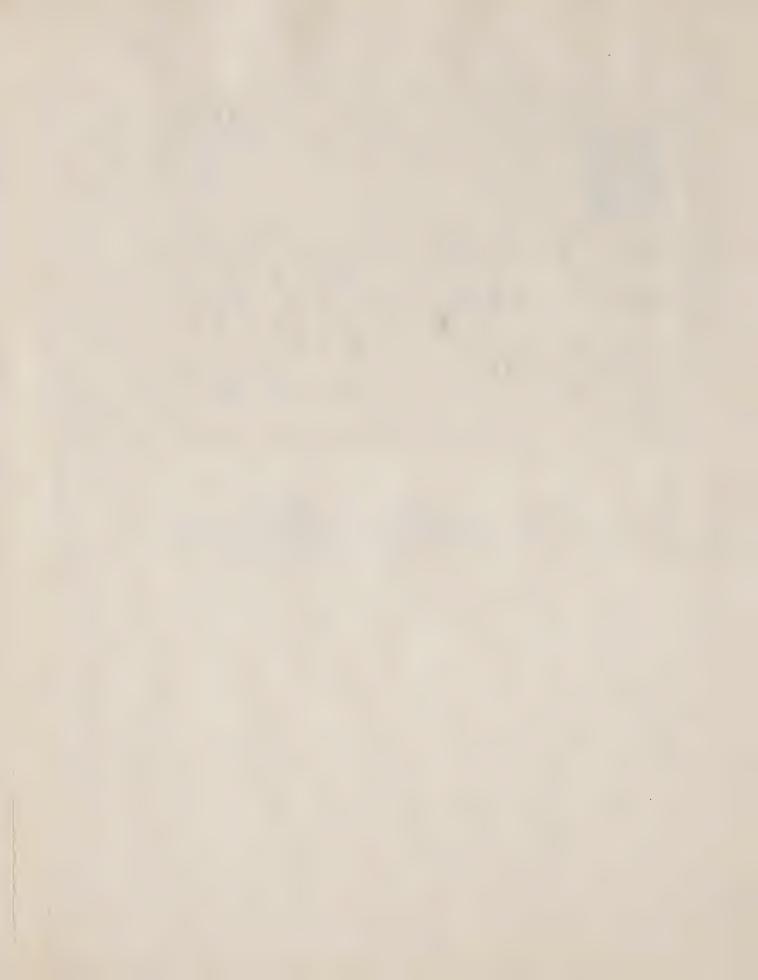
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Monterey is a small Town, nestled in the foothills of the Southern part of The Beautiful Berkshire Hills, at an elevation of 1260 feet at the Konkapot Brook in the center of town. The Town has no Town Hall nor State Road. It has a crooked, winding black macadam road through town, called the Knox Trail, or Rt. 23, starting at the Great Barrington town line running east to Otis town line where I will start my history. I will try to mention farms and cottages along the roads in town, the people who lived in same; and those to whom these early residents sold them. Starting at the Monterey and Otis town line lived the James Kinne family. Kinne worked on the farm but was a carpenter by trade. James had three sons, all with the same initials E.J.K. Elson, Elsworth, Elmer. The two older boys never married and worked as farm hands in Bandisfield. Elmer was married and lived in the village. I shall pick up his history later, when I come to the house he built.

The farm that James Kinne lived on was sold to Mr. Leis who rented a tenant house to a brother-in-law, Max Slaminsky. Max had several children. One of his sons, George, runs the Army and Navy store on Railroad Street in Great Barrington. A younger son, Ben, runs a shoe store in Lee, Mass. Mr. Leis sold his farm to George Wasko and George's sister Anna Fieldman. This farm is still in the Wasko and Fieldman estate. These two houses have burned down and nothing shows but the cellar holes and a few stones.

As we come towards the west, we reach four roads, one is called the Hupi Road, and the one that goes South leads to Sandisfield to a house called the Johnson Farm, once owned by Edward Deland. These corners were called the Dowd Corners and the road was called the Homer Dowd Road. There is a cellar hole in the corner of the South Road. Across the road stands a cottage that was built by a man named Mr. Wagamouth. Selling the cottage to Wasko and Fieldman, he went to Montville to live. On the Hupi Road stood a large barn, around which was very good gravel. When the Otis Road was being reconstructed by Carl Curtin from Tyringham and gravel was being taken from this location, they unearthed human bones and skull. This gravel bed was known as The Keyes' Gravel Bed.

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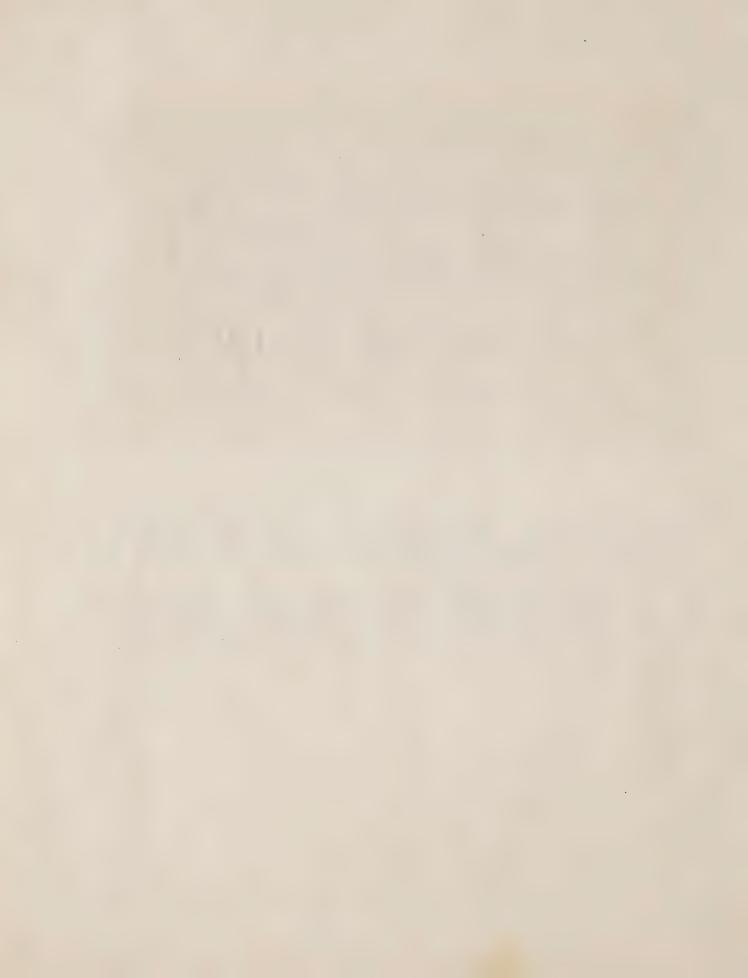
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A VIEW OF LAKE GARFIELD FROM THE OTIS ROAD AT THE EAST END OF THE LAKE THE SPOT IN THE CENTER OF THE PICTURE IS A FLOATING ISLAND, WHICH WOULD TRAVEL AROUND THE LAKE AS THE WIND WOULD TAKE THE ISLAND

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Traveling west, we come to "Old Faithful", a flow of water for man and beast which was never known to run dry. Many of our residents carried water in bottles and jugs from this running spring. Most of our Mt. Hunger cottagers stop here to take water home to drink.

As we approach "Dead Man's Curve" at the head of Lake Garfield, we get a lovely view of the lake, as well as of the mountains of Blue Hill, Beartown, and Mt. Washington. Mt. Washington is our highest mountain in Southern Berkshire. This vista has been cut out several times by an organization called the Monterey Improvement Society, a group of townspeople formed to keep undesirable people out of town. This has worked well to ten years ago.

The next farm belongs to Mrs. George Keyes. Mr. Keyes used to come to church regularly, held town offices, and was very active in town affairs. He raised one son, Clinton, who was a professor of Latin at Columbia University. Clinton married Minnie Sparrow. Minnie has a nephew, David McAlister, with whom she stays in the winter. David has a wife, Susie, and two girls. He is a genius in Indian affairs and their way of life. He has been out west on the reservation and lived with the Indians. He has made a tepee or a wigwam at the shores of Lake Garfield where he and his family stay when they come up for a visit, in summer or in winter.

As we look back up the hill, we see a cottage built by Garnett, and sold to Alfred Diefendefer who was a great golf player and helped to form the Lake Garfield Golf Club. Al gave to the Town his old 1916 Cadillac touring car, which the boys of the town made into a fire truck. The pump was a piston type with a 1-1/8 inch discharge. The reel had several hundred feet of Forest fire hose mounted on the platform of the touring car, where the back seat had been removed. The truck was housed in the Tryon's Garage at the center of town. The church bell was rung for our fire call and all town folk turned out to help. The General Store would bring out a stock of new pails so a bucket line could be formed if needed. One time I remember a person came with a horse whip to a grass fire to help put it out! They were told some time before

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the fire that a grass fire was "whipped" out. A fine thing with which to whip out a grass fire is a pine tree branch or a grain sack wet in water; or a barn shovel.

The next cottage was built by the Withingtons who had three sons—Harry, Ernest, and Chandler. They were here for summer only, and one summer Mr. White, the father of Mrs. Withington, stayed in the cottage alone. Early in the morning word came that the cottage was afire and Mr. White had burned with the cottage.

Dr. Robert Taggart bought the next cottage on the side of a hill, from which there was a lovely view of the lake. The doctor had two children—Beulah Taggart and a son, Gordon, who spent their summers with us. Gordon was married, had two sons by his first wife, was divorced and remarried. He and his second wife live in Mill River. He does carpentry and his wife has an antique shop at their home on the Southfield Road.

Beulah Taggart married Walter Whitestone and they have two children. Peter Whitestone married and lives in Dalton with wife and children. Betsy married Jack Camp, a summer resident, with a cottage on the lake. They have two boys; one married with a child, and one girl, Jessica. The Camps live in New Hampshire.

Next was the Houghton cottage. The Houghtons came here in the summer from Stratford, Connecticut. They had three daughters. The whole family would be seen riding bicycles on almost any road, and on the handlebar of Mrs. Houghton's bike would hang a large black box that contained a large camera. She would take pictures of places which she would have printed on postal cards to be sold at the General Store.

The next was the William Bruning cottage where he and his wife would spend their vacation from teaching. After retirement he came to live the year round and winterized his house from the cold winters of Monterey. His first wife passed on, and he married Ora Rogers Tiffany who had lost her husband, Dr. Roland Tiffany who lived in Windsor, Ct. Ora was a Monterey girl, born on Mt. Hunger to Henry and Jennie Dowd Rogers. The first house on Mt. Hunger Road is the Old Rogers farm now owned by Louis Stark.

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The next cottage is owned by Snyder, a teacher in the city, who stayed here in the summer. The Snyders had boys and a girl.

Dr. Henry Wolfer and wife, Ruby, and a son, owned the next house. They had a home in the city as well as in Monterey and Henry George Wolfer grew up in the country. He married for his first wife, Ruth Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heath, now living in Housatonic, Mass. Henry and Ruth had one daughter, Linda, who was brought up by Ruth's father and mother after they had divorced. Linda married James Hall from Monterey and they live in Vermont.

Henry Wolfer's second wife was a girl from Pittsfield, who had been married to a "Messer". The Messers had one son, Robert, called "Thumper". Eleanor Dean Messer and Henry George Wolfer have a son named Paul Wolfer. At this time they have rented the Roadside Store and gas station, from the Enoes. The store is located about one and a half miles west of the village on Rte. 23.

"Bruckbauers"—I don't place Mr. Bruckbauer, but son George and his mother came to their cottage every year until her death, and George got married late in life. He and his wife still come to spend the summer in the cool Berkshires.

John Weiss, a lawyer from New York, built the next cottage on the south side of the road; for a garage first, then later converted it to living quarters. His first wife died, leaving a daughter, Irma who married Ernest Withington. John's second wife was Belle Bidwell, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Bidwell who came here from Vineland, New Jersey for the summer. John took active part in the town and was a selectman for a term. He also built a large henhouse, and sold eggs and fowl for awhile. After his death, Belle lived in the house alone. It is now sold to Jerry Kinion and Donald Liantonio. Belle Weiss moved to Great Barrington and has an apartment on Brainard Avenue.

Fred Groeh, a lawyer and judge, built their cottage. Fred and his wife had one son, Tric After his mother and father's death, Eric sold to George Wolf and wife. They had two sons, Mannie and Peter Wolf. The Wolf family came here for years and rented the Bill's cottage before buying. Mannie and Peter were about two and three years old at the time. They were nicknamed "Hitler" and "Mussolini". Mannie studied to be a doctor. Now married, he lives in and teaches medicine. Peter went to California, married and lives there. Mrs. Wolf still carries on her husband's business as a furrier in New York

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City and spends some of her summers at the cottage with her grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Groehl lived in the old Sears farm house.

The doctor had four girls, and here is where the neighborhood children gathered for a good time. A large barn in the back was converted into a rumpus room for the children and their friends. In it there were a piano, a victrola, many records, tables, chairs and a place to dance. Billey "The Groehl children's names were Helen, Marion, Istitic and Evely: Helen was the first to get married—to Don Davidson. They had one girl, Helen Annette Davidson. Helen divorced and married William McKay. Marion Groehl married Emila Schneider. They lived in the house built by her father and sold to Shields, Shields to Liedel — to Emile Schneider. Tisc and Billy stayed in the city and married there. Helen McKay built a new house west of her father's house, where she now lives.

The next house belongs to Fred and Marie Leuchs. Fred built it himself. They have five childre: Paula, Katharine, Adele, Maryann, and Ellen. Fred's profession is as a stained glass designer. Most of the glass is installed in churches. In the lot where the house now stands we used to play baseball. In 1909 we had a Big Four League, consisting of Lee, East Lee, Tyringham and Monterey. Mr. Tytus of Tyringham gave a large loving cup to the winners at the end of the year. Monterey was the winner. This trophy is on display at the Monterey Library in a glass case. Fred Campbell was the umpire for all games played at Monterey. Our manager was Edward Stoebener and our Captain was Joe Johnson. The players were Harry Gladwin, George Evans, Frank Carrington, Irving Hall, Ernest Hall, Perry Fargo, Clayton Bunt, Eugene Jerome, Patsy Heins, Clarence Eihorn and Dick Bidwell. This was a Saturday holiday for all people in town. Nobody worked on Saturday afternoon. Our bleacher seats were a stone wall along first base line and the trees made a shade at some points. Bert Tryon came up with his ice cream and soda from the little store in the village.

Across the road from the baseball diamond lived Dr. John Horn, who built this house and came here summers with his wife, two sons,

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PARGO'S GROVE, WHERE MOST CHIEBRATION'S WERE HELD FROM 1870 to 1900 COTTAGE BUILT ON BREWER POND, NOW KNOWN AS LAKE GARFIELD.





A.S. SOMERS RESIDENCE, BUILT BY WHITNEY BROTURES FROM HARTSVILLE, THIS LAND VAS ON THE PAGE TY OF HERRY H. FARGO VIO ALSO CHINED FARGO'S GROVE AT THE LAKE



Walter and John and a daughter Lucille Horn who married Fred Fred Problem. They live in Kent, Connecticut. Dr. Horn was an Ear and Nose specialist and his son, Walter, studied in the same field and became so good his father was losing his patients, who were all going to Walter! Old Dr. Horn did not like this and he and his son became very bitter towards each other, so much so that Walter never came to Monterey, and Dr. Horn could not say a good word about him. John Horn has come back with his wife several times for a look at the old town. Dr. Horn's place was sold to Clayton Palmer of Barrington, who owns the Palmer Petroleum Tank Lines, which haul petroleum from the Albany boat docks to Southern Berkshire distributors. Mr. Palmer passed on and his widow and two sons carry on the business. Mrs. Palmer spends some of her summer here in Monterey.

The next is the Arthur Somer's house built by the Whitney Bros. builders. Mr. Somers bought this land at the Lake, which had two buildings on it. One was called the Cash Scranton cottage. It is supposed to be the first cottage built on the lake. It was owned by Henry Fargo. There was also a large building called Pine Grove Hall where outings were held, such as church picnics. There were sleeping quarters upstairs that would accommodate twelve or more persons. The New York Times used to send children to the country for a two week vacation and they lived here at the hall. There was a kitchen at the back and a large dining room where the tables were set. When there was a dance, the tables were taken down and put out of doors. children used to walk to the village to get ice cream that was frozen by hand and kept in the cellar of Bert Tryon's where it was dished on to a saucer with a spoon. The boys used to walk to the church steps and sit and eat homemade ice cream in the country. This was the beginning of Tryon's Ice Cream Parlors.

For two or three years Sam Barton from Otis had a passenger boat on Lake Garfield that carried about twenty people. For fifteen cents you could cruise around the shores of the lake. This would take about an hour for it was not too fast. Pine Grove Hall was the outing

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place for the surrounding towns to gather. The Fourth of July was the day of days. Large crowds were expected on this holiday. This lake was known as Brewer's Pond until July 4, 1881. As they were having a celebration here at Pine Grove, word came that our President of the United States, President Garfield had been assassinated. It was decided immediately to change the name of Brewer Pond to Lake Garfield. It is said that the Brewers were the first settlers in Monterey. Fred Somers, one of the Somers' sons, took the Cash Cranton cottage, added onto it and made a lovely cottage. Fred and his wife Janet lived here. They had one daughter, Estelle Somers. Andrew Somers and his wife took the Pine Grove Hall, turned it into a fine cottage and lived here in the summer with their families. Arthur S. Somers 111, after several years away from Monterey, married, had a daughter, came back and bought the Henry Woods farm. His daughter was married here in Monterey in 1971. The family of Arthur Somers 1 passed away and, since the grandchildren could not decide what to do with the estate, the house stood idle for mamy years. It was bought by Palmer, who cut off most of the trees for lumber, and Haviland Staples bought Pine Grove Hall for a guest house in connection with Brookbend Inn. Staples ran it for many years. They added to the boathouse two bedrooms, a bath, and a long dining room and kitchen, making an attractive cottage on the water's edge. After selling Brookbendd Inn, the Staples moved to the lake and ran the guest house in summer and rented an apartment at Hebert's beach for the winter. They sold the lake house to Dr. William Oislander from New York and later sold the cottage by the lake to Rudolph Erda, now owner. The Staples took a year around apartment at Elwood Stanton's in Mill River. The Arthur Somers' big house is now owned by Mr. Pearl.

Now we come to the Henry Fargo farm house cellar hole. This house was destroyed by fire, but the barn was later made into a house. Ellery Heath bought this house from the Fargo estate. Heath sold to Jackson. He spent several summers here and it changed hands to Mr. and Mrs. Moses. The Moses had three children. Miss Mary was the oldest and like all young folks, got fascinated by a young man who came here with his folks to spend the summers. In due time she became Mrs. James Pearson, has a family, a girl and boy. Both are married and living in

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New York. The Pearsons now live in Monterey the year around. One of their grandsons, Robert, is in his last year of high school and goes by Sandisfield bus to Monument Mountain Regional School in Great Barrington. Robert Moses was the oldest son and next was a boy called "Scoot." Where they live now I do not know. The house burned while Mr. Moses owned it and Moses sold the property on the west side of the road to Henry Cairns and Henry sold to Howard Wells.

The lake side was bought by Charles O'Connor, son John has a large cottage at the water's edge at Lake Garfield. On the south side of the road was an old barn where Henry Fargo kept his farm stock. At the far end of the meadow was a small pond called Fargo Pond. From this body of water many thousands of bait fish have been taken and sold to fishermen to catch larger fish in the Lake. Perry Fargo, Henry's son, also his grandson, Alburn, when young, would catch frogs, minnows, and Perch bugs, and also dig earthworms to sell.

Howard Wells came to Monterey from Vermont in his late teens, worked at Tryon's Garage in the village and in due time married Dorothy Rote of Sheffield. Mr. and Mrs. Wells bought the Fargo barn and land from Mr. Cairns and converted it to a house. Howard was clever with tools and he did all his own work, and came up with a five room house. Dotty and Howard had three girls—Judith, Karen, and Sandra. Selling this house to George and Frances Richter, the Wells moved to the west of town. George Richter was a retired teacher and worked in his garden. Time was not heavy on his hands as he had accepted a part—time teaching job in Gt. Barrington. He did church work and was very active in the Monterey Church. They sold to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gauthier. They have four children—Pamela, James, David and Jeffrey. Robert is a teacher at Mt. Everett Regional School in Sheffield, part of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District of which Monterey is a member. Robert was elected to the Board of Selectmen and was a very good member.

Next to Gauthier's is the house built by Mrs Henry Fargo, where she took in boarders, and with her lived her son, Perry Fargo. On the opposite side of the street lived her daughter, Mame Fargo Benton who had two boys, Edwin and Pearl. Edwin was married to Ada Beneer. They

were divorced and he married later in life a woman in Granville who lost her husband. Edwin loved sports, played baseball in small town games. After he married his last wife, they ran a general store in Granville. Ed loved the contents of the bottle and has drunk as much as the most of us. Ed joined the A.A. in middle life and had tried to make a man of himself. Pearl, after leaving grammar school, opened a garage in Lee and operated it for a few years before he died. His mother, Mame, lived here alone, with many friends who would come and stay. She would take in boarders to help pay the bills, but never got ahead, and grocery bills accumulated, till at the time of her death the owner of the grocery store, Julius Miner, owned most of the estate. The Lake property was sold to Clarence Kinne., and the house and lot to Julius D. Miner. Clarence C. Kinne passed on this year and the property goes to his daughters. Mr. Miner sold the house and lot to H. Ruthel who came over here from Germany. He was a wizard in resoring stained glass windows, and worked with Fred Leuchs for quite a long while. The Ruthels sold to Charles L'Hommedieu who in turn sold to Mr. and Mrs. Alf Pedersen. Mrs. Lena Pedersen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kinne who now own all the land and buildings from Main Road, Rte. 23, to Lake Garfield. It is known as Kinne's Boat Landing. Mr. Kinne rented boats, with or without motors, to fishermen and sold fish bait. There is a large picnic grove with tables and fireplaces, also platforms for tents and parking place for house trailers. Wood for fireplaces was furnished by Mr. Kinne for a small sum.

Going back to the Fargo family, Mr. and Mrs. Fargo had an older daughter who married Ed Brooks. Emma Fargo Brooks moved to West Stockbridge and had one daughter, Clara, who died in her young teens. Mr. Brooks ran a garage in West Stockbridge, and later moved to Northampton where he operated an automobile battery shop. Emma spent the last of her life in Pittsfield working at the paper mill.

The son, Perry, as I previously said, lived with his mother,
Ida Fargo. Perry married Marion Briggs, a girl from the eastern part
of Massachusetts. They had one son, Alburn, who was educated in Monterey.



He married Elise Wilson, a girl who spent most of her summers with her aunt Edna Herbst her mother had died leaving two small girls, Elise and Betsy, and a boy, Bill Wilson. This boy worked at the Langdon store in the summer, delivering groceries in a Model T Ford and going to school in winter. He became Dr. William Wilson, gave his service to the U.S. Army in World War 11. Alburn married again after Elise divorced him and she married a Kaplan. Alburn had a daughter, Karen, who went with her mother to live.

Perry Fargo went into partnership with Russell Smith and ran a store for a few years in a building between the Henry Fargo's and Cairns' which is now a garage for Mr. and Mrs LeComte who are living in Mrs. Ida Fargo's house. After the closing of the store of Smith and Fargo the boys started in cement work and building. One large achievement was the building of the Stone House of Miss Nellie Smith and Florence Lattimore on the Fairview Road next to Beatrice Barnum Phillips. These stones were taken from an old quarry on Mt. Hunger Road near the John Martin place. They were drawn to Fairview Road and put in place by Smith and Fargo. This whole house is built of stone-walls, partitions and roof. These boys built several stone fireplaces as well as the little stone house, the second house on Main Road after passing the Sandisfield Road, for his brother, Den Smith. Perry Fargo served as Selectman and Assessor for the town. He died in Albany Medical Hospital and is buried in Corashire Cemetery. For many winters Perry had a line of traps set in Sandisfield, Otis and Monterey, which were attended every other day. At that time, ln 1916, furs were costly. A good red fox would bring on the market about thirty dollars a pelt. All the boys in town would have their own spring or stream where they would set their traps years after year. The furbearing animals caught at this time were the red fox, coon, and once in a while a grey fox, but their pelts were worth very little. Mink were quite plentiful. The lakes and streams were full of muskrats. Once in a great while one of the boys would come home with an otter, which was very valuable.

At this time we had no beaver, but of late years you can ride the roads and see where the dead trees stand in great clusters. You are sure to find a family of beaver with a house made of large sticks and branches of dead trees. This is where they stay in winter. They

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cannot stay under water too long at a time, they have to come up and get air and this is why they have a house to go into from a source under water. This outlet very seldom freezes over, for their family goes in and out of the water very often. Also in this house is their dining room. They love new shoots from the willow trees. Their teeth are like chisels and in a night or two they can take down a very large tree. Beaver do most of this building and tree cutting after dark. The trappers in town included Charles Enoe, his line of traps were in the Blue Hill section of town. Earl Loom took in the Beartown Mountain section: Charles Gregory had Mt. Hunger and Lake Garfield; Perry Fargo took Hayes Pond and part of Sandisfield; Joe Johnson took Dry Hill and Harmon Brook section. You see the town was well covered. At the last of March trapping would cease. Why? When the sun is high and melts the snow, the animal lies down to sleep or rest and the long hair, called guard hair, freezes in the snow and ice. When the animal gets up, the guard hairs are broken, also the inside of the hide starts turning blue. At this time of year the fur buyers would come around to look over your collection and try to make a deal.

One of the dealers was from Canaan, Connecticut, a Mr. Beebe. We had the chance to go to his storage barn to pick out furs to be made into a scarf and muff for one of our young ladies in town. This barn had thousands of pelts hanging in clusters all over the barn, waiting to be shipped to be made into fur coats and scarves. This was the time coonskin coats were all the style. The automobiles were touring cars, with tops that could be put up and down in a few minutes. The cars had no heaters and when the men drove with the tops down, a coonskin coat and hat were very confortable and stylish. Coonskin coats could be seen by the hundred at football games.

After Perry Fargo died, the place came to his son, Albern Fargo, who sold to Mr. Chapin. When Chapin died, the place was left to his daughter, Doris, who sold to a Mr. and Mrs. LeComte. Now the LeComtes are building a house in Alford and their place is sold to Stefan Grotz.

Next is the Parker place owned by Amos Bills, whose son, Jasper H. Bills, lived in the house back of the General Store in the village. Amos' second wife lived alone in the east end of Brookbend Inn after Amos died. I believe the Parkers came to Monterey in 1894 and bought this farm from Anderson. Mr. John H. Parker was a manufacturer of



electrical porcelain products in Boston. The Parkers spent their summers at Lake Garfield, building a large cottage at the edge of the bay, and two smaller cottages which he rented. One rented to Ed Atwater, who was a sheet metal worker installing skylights in Springfield. The other cottage was rented to Dr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Westfield. There was a cottage that was on the farm when Parker bought and this was occupied by Harry Gladwin who was in the coal business in Westfield. Mr. and Mrs. John Parker had a young son,

The Parkers would come early in June and stay till Labor Day. The Parkers have had several caretakers that I can remember. The first was Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and three sons, William, Robert and Alex. William was stationed on Fishers Island as a game raiser of pheasants which were owned by a large club. Mr. and Mrs. John Hartnet were caretakers for years. J.H. Parker moved from Boston, Mass. to Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their son,

, was married to Anna Jones of Boston. Their wedding reception was held at the Parker cottage here on the farm and many of the Monterey friends were invited. Anna and Merrel went to live in Parkersburg and raised a family. A daughter, Mary, married Paul Thorn and came back to make her home here. The Thorns built a new house on the lake where they are raising their children. Paul works in Lee in the paper mill. For many years the Reid boys from Connecticut pitched a tent on Parkers Point and spent their summer vacation there. The water in front of the point is considered to be the deepest part of the lake. On the opposite shore from the point stands a large rock called Bullhead Rock. This is a famous spot where you can catch bullheads that are very large in size. In the Registry of Deeds, October 24, 1870, Book 146, Page 11 "note" in consideration of \$500, Marshall S. Bidwell to the Marlboro Paper Company, speaks of two drilled holes in Bullhead rock which are on land of James M. Fargo. These two holes are four foot higher than the hole made in rock in 1847. This is flowage of Brewer Pond. On another page in this history I will record this right of raising water on land of M.S. Bidwell.

The parsonage was built in 1965 by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Smith



in remembrance of Mr. Smith's father and mother who were Deacon Herbert B. Smith and his wife, Mary Etta Smith, who was organist in the Monterey Congregational Church for years. It is believed that the first house built in Monterey was in this meadow, built by the family of Brewer. The first minister to live in the new parsonage is the Rev. Virgil Brallier.

The little stone house next to the parsonage was built by Donald Smith, who came here from Pittsfield, married Eleanor Heath, had a girl named Jane Smith. He divorced, sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Lubreck who lived in town until Mr. Lubreck died. His widow sold to Mr. and Mrs. Conway. Mr. Conway drove to Albany to work; after his death Mrs. Conway went to the New Boston Nursing Home to live. When Mrs. Conway passed on, the place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stein, the present owners.

In the triangle many years ago stood a small cottage which was called Jolly Folly. The cottage was built by Janet Waring and Frances Gillman who came here from Yonkers, N.Y. They were two maiden ladies and had a maid to do the work. They bought the old farm from the Townsend family and sold the cottage to Mrs. Thomas Reed who came here to live from Torrington, Connecticut. Mrs Reed divorced her husband and married Mark Whitney, who lived in Hartsville. They sold the cottage to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith. Russell was one of the partners in the firm of Smith and Fargo. There was a fire which destroyed the cottage completely and Russell started to build a new house and lived there for some time, selling the new house to Ellery G. Heath. Across the road Ellery built the barn which had room for two cars upstairs and cattle down. After Ellery died, the place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Funk. The Funks have two children and are the present owners.

Next is the old Heath place. Francis Heath, who was born in Tyringham came over the mountain and married Milton Judd's daughter, Cynthia Judd. They lived in this farm house for years, brought into the world a daughter, whom they named Mabel Heath. Mabel married Noble Beckwith, having a large church wedding in the little white church in the village of Monterey. Francis Heath worked the farm besides having a Livery Stable where he rented out surries with the fringe on top. One of the drivers was Ed Steadman. The trips would be with a wagon full of summer boarders going for a day's shopping or sightseeing trips to Gt. Barrington, Lee or Lenox. There were several different

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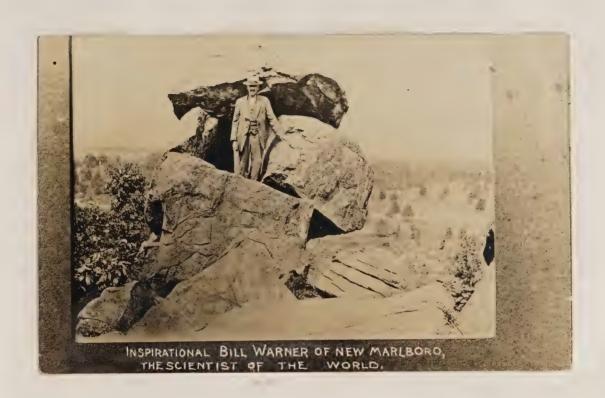
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BILL WARNER, ABOUT 1910 HE LIVED IN THE CORNER HOUSE, ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT CREATING PERPETUAL MONITION HE DIED BEFORE HE HAD IT INVENTED.



trips that could be made in a day. One was going to West Otis, turning left on the road leading to the beautiful Tyringham Valley, where you would see fields of grain, and pastures of cows grazing. Some of the fields would have a herd of sheep consisting of forty or more. At the end of the valley was Lee. where many paper mills were located. Turning left again the road would bring you to South Lee where the Beartown Mountain Road starts back to Monterey. Arriving at the top of the mountain about noon, the passengers would open a basket of goodies that had been prepared by the boarding house mistress in the morning before they left. The fields were full of wild blueberries. Many of the passengers had never seen a blueberry growing and would bring back enough berries to the boarding house for hot blueberry muffins for next morning's breakfast. The horses got their dinners consisting of four quarts of home grown oats in a nose basket. After lunch and berry picking they would continue this long road back to Monterey. They would pass the old Burgoyne House where General Burgoyne stayed for a night or two, then through the old center, past two old cemeteries, also passing by the training grounds location. The Historical Society has a plaque all ready to be secured to a boulder to be placed on these grounds. They arrived back home in time for supper after a day well spent.

Before retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Heath bought the corner house in the village, opposite the church, selling the farm to Mr. and Mrs. Langhare from New Marlboro. Mr. Langhare had a daughter who would come over here ; to swim in Lake Garfield. One day word came that she had drowned while in swimming. Not long thereafter the farm was sold to Clarence Kinne, who sold to Wing and Anderson. They started to sell building lots on land next to the lake. Mr. Wing built himself and family a large house where Mrs. Wing and two boys would spend their summers and Mr. Wing would come up weekends to play a game of golf on Lake Garfield Golf course, as well as to be with his family and friends. Mr. Wing was a lawyer in partnership with his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson built a two-story house on top of an open space in this large lot before descending down a steep hill to the lake. Mr. Anderson had no children. A house called Tall Pines was built by Mr. and Mrs. Stretch and a daughter, Dorothy. Another cottage was built by Mr. and Mrs. Jost who have two sons. At the west of this cottage is another cottage built by Chuncey Jost's brother, Dr. Theodore Jost,

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Indian Cave, Home of Mrs. H. W. Eaton, Monterey, Mass.

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who had three daughters. Barbara Jost married a farmer boy, Richard Tryon, and they live on the New Marlboro Road.

Lawyer and Mrs. Harry Eaton bought land known for years as Tryon's landing at the lake, a place where Albert Tryon kept his boat for fishing. On the path from the top of the hill to the lake you would pass a cave called Indian Cave. This is where an Indian would stay, passing from one tribe to another. Mrs. Eaton had blasted a level spot on this ledge and built a gorgeous summer home. This cottage was called "Indian Cave Lodge," where Lucy and her many friends were entertained by card parties and social functions. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton had no children.

Wing and Anderson sold the Heath house to the Rev. and Mrs.

Chauncey Chase. Mrs Chase put in many flowers of the annual type which made it a showplace when they were in blossom. The Chases sold to

Mrs. Flag, Flag to Spencer, Spencer to Girard, Girard to Murphy, Murphy to Makuc. Henry Makuc, wife and family now live in the beautiful restored house.

Across the road stood a large barn which was filled with stock and a barn full of hay. This barn was taken down and moved to the other side of the house where Mrs. Lyman lived. Richard Bidwell was a carpenter and wanted a shop, so he reassembled the old barn. Later it was bought by Harold Greene, who uses it for car storage.

On this barn lot a house was built by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heath, the son of Harold Heath and the grandson of Ellery Heath, a great grandson of Marcus Heath of Tyringham, brother of Francis Heath, who married Cynthia Judd. The story of the Heath Farm has just been told. Robert Heath married Gail Lanoue and they have adopted a girl and a boy. Robert works for Mercer Construction of Lee, as a bulldozer operator. He became a selectman of Monterey in 1971.

The next building is the Monterey Fire Department. The building was erected by the Monterey boys, who gave their time until it was completed. The lean-to was built on later to house the added equipment. The first truck was a Ford bought by the Town and driven to Topsfield outside of Boston to have the body and equipment installed. The Ford chassis was purchased from Whalen and Kastiner Garage in Gt. Barrington. John Lambert, a forester living at the State Forest Headquarters had charge of supervising and contracting the whole job. A nice red siren was installed



on top of the roof and its penatrating sound could be heard all over town. The Town boys would respond to the siren, night or day. We have added to the Red Fleet until we have four altogether. The one we prize most highly is the 4500 gallon tanker, with Smoky the Bear painted on the back. This has been called out of town several times.

Across the road from the Monterey Fire House stood the Berkshire Hills Creamery, a corporation formed by the farmers of town who wanted an outlet for their butter. Before this time the farmers had to rely on cheese to use up their milk. There were large herds of cattle in town as all the farmers had a small herd of ten or twelve milking cows. This small herd would be all one man could take care of. Besides milking the cows he had other farm work to do. The manure had to be spread on the land by hand, there were no manure spreaders. The barn manure was taken outdoors, put in a pile until spring then forked by hand into a wagon, which might be drawn by a pair of horses or a pair of oxen. When on the field where the farmer had decided to plough the ground for cultivation, the manure was all forked off the wagon in a thick cover coat. Later in the early spring this land was ploughed by horses drawing a singlebottom plough, guided by the farmer's two hands. This is tough on the body for in Monterey the stones and rocks are very plentiful. After the ploughing had been finished, the land was left to dry out for several days and then harrowed, to pulverize the soil. The field was then ready for planting. If this land was to be planted to corn, the next step would be to mark it out in rows about eighteen inches apart. This was done by a horsedrawn marker. The markers generally were made by hand and consisted of a wood log about six feet long with two inch holes bored in the side about twenty inches apart, into which was driven a round stick about three feet long. Two holes were bored at right angles to the markers where longer poles were placed for shafts. This is where the horse was hitched to a whiffle-tree to be drawn through the field for marking the rows to be planted with corn.

For planting the corn somebody invented the jab planter, a container holding the corn on the upright shaft. The lower end of the planter is jabbed into the earth and pulled towards you, a spring unlatched, letting two or three kernels of corn drop on the earth. The planter is withdrawn



and ready for the next jab. This is for silage corn only. The sweet corn is generally planted in hills so it can be hoed. When the corn has grown to about six inches tall, it is ready for cultivation. This was done by one man, a horse, and a cultivator. Late in September when the corn was ripe and yellow, the farmer would cut the cornstalks low to the ground and place in a bundle, standing upright in the field. Later they were to be brought into the barn where it was to be husked. We had many corn-husking bees, at one farm after another all winter. Every man was looking for the red ear of corn, which entitled the finder of the red ear to kiss all the girls at the party. After about two hours of husking there was an intermission for sandwiches, cake, and coffee, or maybe a barn dance. Harry Alexander from New Marlborough, who could play and call too, used to show up quite often.

The Creamery was a large building and in one end was built an ice house where cakes of ice were packed and covered with sawdust for the cooling of the butter in warm weather. Also ice was put into the shipping boxes when it was to be expressed to New York. Outside the building next to the road was an unloading platform, where the cream gatherer would unload his barrels of sweet cream into a hopper which would send the cream through a pipe into a large vat for storage and ripening. This vat was double, with a casing on the outside where live steam could be discharged to help sour the cream for churning. When ready for churning it was put into a large box churn about three feet by three feet by eight feet. This box churn was run by belts and pulleys driven by a small steam engine which was fed wood for fuel. The butter worker was round with indents in the circle. Over the top of the large circle was a cone shape block of wood, with creases in it, which was turning and mixing the salt into the butter and taking the butter milk out. The buttermilk would run out to a hole in the cement floor, into a pipe which carried it to a buttermilk well, about thirty feet outside of the building. The buttermilk would be sold to farmers for fattening their pigs.

The gathering of the cream from the farmers would be let out at contract to some farmer who could take time to be bothered with the gathering. This would need two separate runs or gatherings. Mr. Herbert Smith had one route, consisting of the Morse district, old



center, Brett Road, Blue Hill, Fenn Road, River Road and Gould Road. This would take six hours or more-it all depended on the roads-mud in the spring and snowdrifts in winter. This had to be done summer and winter. Sometimes it was so cold the cream had to be thawed loosen from the barrel. As the gatherer would come to the milk house or barn, the cream had to have a sample bottle taken and the farmer's number recorded on same. Also the cream was weighed, no that was the way the farmers were paid-by the pounds of butterfat in the cream. After mixing the salt in and taking out the buttermilk, it was stamped into one pound bricks, marked B.H.C., wrapped, put into boxes and stored in the cooler, waiting for the day of shipment. Generally the U.S. Mail or Stage would take it to Gt. Barrington for shipment, or to the Gt. Barrington stores to be sold. As the farmers grew older and their sons took to the city, small farmers passed on. Today we have only two farmers left in Town. Most of the farms have been bought by summer residents who love to spend three or four months with us and then live elsewhere in the colder months.

This creamery stood idle for sometime and was an eyesore for some people. Mrs. H.W. Eaton bought the creamery and gave the lumber to Wallace Tryon. Tryon tore it down and built the bungalow on the Tyringham road across from Frances Tryon. Joe Johnson had worked for Mrs. Eaton for sometime and lived at her farm. It was only a little while before the present Gulf Station was built, and Mr. and Mrs Johnson started in business. Then Mr. and Mrs. Parker Harmon bought the station from the Johnsons. The Harmons added a few rooms to the west side, and lived there until they passed on. Mrs Harmon shot herself at the foot of the cellar stairs and Parker lived alone until he went to the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home here in Monterey. Then the property was sold to Mrs. Mildred Walsh, and she leased it to Mr. George Kisselbrock.

Elmer J. Kinne and wife, Ella Louisa Burrows were married in Sandisfield and came to Monterey to live with one son, Clarence Chester Kinne. The Kinnes rented the little house on the west side of Tyringham Road, this side of Hupi Road, known as the Gifford place. They were there for a few years and then moved to the village where they took up three rooms in Bert Tryon's house across from the present U.S. Post Office. Mrs Kinne started to bake pastry in two rooms of the little

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store owned by Bert Tryon. Mrs. Kinne had a delivery of baked goods every other day around the south and east side of Lake Garfield. Mrs Kinne's father, Chester Burrows, was the driver of a covered wagon drawn by a large white horse. Mr. Burrows took orders for the next delivery, also sold direct from the cart. Mr. and Mrs Kinne started building their house at once. The builder was Mr. Kinne's father, Jim Kinne who lived in the first house west of the town line of Otis and Monterey. Jim Kinne was a carpenter and builder by trade. The plastered walls and ceilings were put on by Chester Burrows, Bert Tryon, and the owner, Elmer Kinne, the three worked together in the surrounding towns when there was work to do. Fred Webb laid the stone for the Kinne house. He was a nephew of Mrs. Burrows and was a well known stone layer from Otis. Clarence Kinne went to school here in Center School; after leaving school he drove a car for hire. These are some of the activities he has been in: Steam laundry, pig raising, farming, chicken raising for show birds for country fairs, selling real estate, harvesting ice in winter for summer delivery, running a boat livery, at Lake Garfield, selling fish bait. He also had a platform to rent for tenters, and a place for trailers. Clarence and family went to New York State near Freedom Plains and farmed it for awhile. He drove his father and mother and his family to Florida in 1925 and spent two or three winters there. While Clarence was there he built three houses, one for himself. He came home to operate his boat livery and died in the spring of 1971. He had held office as Sheriff of Berkshire County for most of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Kinne had three daughters, Mildred Kinne Walsh, Lena Kinne Pedersen and Ruby Kinne Bennett. Mildred went to the city, took up hairdressing, had work in Springfield, Massachusetts and there she met her man and was married to Ralph Walsh. They did not get along too well so she and her children came home to live, leaving her husband in Springfield. Mildred had not been home long when she got word that her husband had died. Having a good trade, Mildred opened a Beauty Shop in Sheffield which she still operates. Mildred had two children, a girl, Bonnie Walsh, who is a hair stylist, and Brook Walsh, who graduated from Mt. Everett High School in June of 1972. Brook worked all summer at the high school and at present keeps the house in order for his mother. Brook's grandmother went to Florida to spend the winter with her yougest daughter, Ruby Kinne Bennett. Ruby and her husband, Ernie, have a boy and a girl. The Bennetts lived in Sheffield,

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and Ernie worked at the plastics plant, then he got into a traveling mood. The whole family took off and landed in Florida where they now live. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kinne spent the winter of 1970 with their daughter and the winter of 1971 Mrs Kinne is with her again.

The middle girl, Lena, married Alf Pedersen, a plumber by trade, who lived in the vicinity of Egremont and Alford, went to Cummington, bought an old farm and raised a family of six children, Paul, John, Erick, Ellen, Annie and Hannah. Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen moved back to Monterey where they bought the old Benton Place. The owners were Charles L'Hommedieu, who brought Brookbend Inn in the village of Monterey. Mr. Pedersen is sent from place to place to work, for he works for some large contractors. Mrs Pedersen drives a large school bus that takes the high school children from Monterey to the Regional School in Sheffield where we are a member of the five town regional school district. The other towns are Alford, Egremont, Sheffield, Monterey and New Marlborough. Mrs Pedersen's run starts at Chestnut Hill Road east and goes west on Main Road to the village and, turning right, onto Tyringham Road to Peterson's Corners, (known as the Morse Schoolhouse), where the bus is turned around; or the bus would enter a section of Art School Road and Mt. Hunger Road, come back to Beartown Mountain Road where it branches off from Tyringham Road, travelling north on this road until it reaches an intersection of Fairview Road, known as "up town" or "old center". The house at the corner of the road where the bus turns around was the old center schoolhouse, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donelan. The schoolhouse was bought by Henry Lankenau and made into a year round cottage for his son, "Hi" Lankenau. The bus comes back to the village, where it is met by a small bus that has picked up the children from New England Keswick on Chestnut Hill and along Sandisfield Road to the village. Also this small bus has to pick up children at Richard Tryon's farm on the New Marlboro Road, and children at the intersection of Wellman Road, taking the children to the village to be transferred to Lena's bus and thence to Sheffield to the High School.

The next house to Elmer Kinne was where Chester Burrows and his wife, Amelia Webb Burrows, lived. Chester was a mason by trade and had plastered and built brick chimmeys in the surrounding towns. After

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Chester died, Amelia went to live with her second daughter, Lelia Arelia Burrows Tryon, who was my mother. Clarence Kinne, who had married Ellen Daley from Freedom Plains, New York, bought the place of his grandmother, Amelia Burrows and they moved in. In the barn back of the house is where Clarence operated his steam laundry. Clarence and Ellen lived here until his father died and they moved into the house with his mother, selling their own house to Howard Washburn, a middle-aged bachelor from the city. After making repairs, tearing down the old barn, building a breezeway and a two car garage, he brought his mother here to stay, also his uncle and aunt stayed here until they went to California. Howard is a "dabbler". He had bought the old Henry Rogers place from their daughter, Ora Bruning, and sold that place to Lewis Stark. Howard then bought a large house in South Lee, where he takes in overnight guests.

Washburn sold the Burrows house to Harold VanHorn and his wife, Ann. Harold was a retired army officer. They have two boys, Mark and John VanHorn, and a girl, Leslie VanHorn. Mark will graduate from Mt. Everett in June of 1972, and the other two are in high school. Harold looked for work around the vicinity but was gone for some time, when Ann announced they had obtained a divorce. Ann is a capable woman for doing all kinds of work. She is the secretary at Gould Farm and is also on the Planning Board of the town. Next to the barn on the west side stood a blacksmith shop. The shop was not in use when I was a boy, but I could see that from black smoked rafters it had been used for such work, with cinder on the floor where stood the old anvil and bellows.

The schoolhouse across the street is where I started my education at the age of six. My first teacher was Fannie Roberson. The children in my class were Julia Martin, Bertha Deland, John Bills, Harold Hall, Delmor Tryon, Alton Gregory and Wallace Tryon. During the years from first grade to graduation we had a few boys and girls who came and went. Calvin Hubbard, John Everitt, Frank Coulter, Bertie Bent, and Mable Gorman. The school grounds were given to the town by my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tryon, who were the owners of Tryon's Hotel and ran the blacksmith shop on the Tyringham Road. It has been changed quite a little since 1900, with new windows on each side and an addition on the back, where an oil burner is used to heat upstairs and down. We had a large box, wood burning stove, located in the center of the room for heat. Today the school has



flush toilets in a heated building. Our toilets were out back, two holes, one larger than the other, no different from the ones we had at home. On a string dangled a large catalog, and in a box on the floor were corn cobs. Of course the kernels of corn had been removed. You could take your choice; no questions asked.

We played baseball in the road. The stone wall that you see today was not there by the side of the road. In the winter we could slide down the hill across the road to the bottom of the swamp. The water we used for drinking was carried in a twelve-quart pail from a spring box at the side of a hill back of Chester Burrows house across the road. The pail of water was put on a shelf in the east corner of the school room, and a small long-handled tin dipped was used by all for drinking. As for our teachers, I will try to recall some: Fannie Roberson, Fannie Winship, Amy Loom, Bessie Coughlin, Miss Leich. (One of Delmor Tryon's poems: Here I stand before Miss Leich. She gives a strike, and I give a screech.") Miss Huzzy, Albert Clark and Mr. Cushing.

One day Delmor Tryon was caught chewing by teacher Cushing. He was called to the desk and the teacher, holding out his hand, told Delmor to spit it out. Delmor did. He had been chewing whole corn which he had put in his pocket that was left from feeding his father's chickens in the lot next to the schoolhouse. Delmor did just what he was told to do: out came spit and corn right in the teacher's open hand. It ran through Mr. Cushing's fingers and on to the floor. A ha-ha went through the school that day. I don't remember what I did but I sat on a stool with a long peaked hat on my head on the platform next to the teacher for quite a long time. This hat was called a dunce cap; a form of punishment, I guess. Our class had their graduation exercises in the auditorium of the church. Julia Martin went on to high school and took up teaching. Delmor Tryon stayed on the farm in Monterey. Alton Gregory took after his father and did painting. John Bills worked for the town of Monterey on the Highway Department. Bertha Deland went to Boston to visit her sister, fell in love with her sister's brother-in-law got married to a man named Sargent and stayed there in Somerville. Harold Hall went to Springfield to work for a Springfield Union Paper until time of his retirement.

I went to work with the Whitney Brothers carpenters to learn



carpentry. I worked for three years with the boys. I'll mention some of the places on which I worked. I moved the house where Roger Salzman lives in Hartville. The house we moved stood where Ed. Whitney built his large house. Ed, his wife and son Dwight lived there. This was moved on a wooden track with wood rollers drawn with a capstan and Whitney's big black horse. I helped move John Reid's large barn put together with wooden pins raised by a gin pole. There were no iron nails used in the framed barn, also the Berkshire Summer School of Art buildings and bungalow now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Craven known as "Meadowlark Camp". Another building we moved was on the Muddy Brook Road for Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Another project was raising the roof and installing sleeping room for Ed. Fielding on the Blue Hill Road; at New Marlboro the big stock barn for Macy Willets; also a twelve-sided barn to house and raise hogs. In Southfield they had a craze for round end porches. The Thomas cottage at the east end of Lake Garfield, and many small jobs were among those with which I helped. I started selling Standard Oil Company gasoline in 1910. The first tank was a 100 gallon galvanized tank on wheels located by the brook. Next a 500 gallon underground tank with pump in front of my garage. In 1911 I bought my first automobile -- a second hand Jackson, and in 1912 I started a livery business and gas station which I kept going till retirement.

Noel Mahn arrived in town with the Oswalds many years ago to spend his summers on Blueberry Hill which is located on Mt. Hunger. During his stay here he decided he would like to retire with the Oswalds and live in a home in Monterey the year around. The house he lives in next to the village school was built for a barn by Henry Langdon for his delivery horses and wagons that he used in his business to deliver groceries from his store, around the lake, West Otis, Montville, Hartsville and old center. This was made into a cottage by Ed Steadman after the death of Henry Langdon whose widow sold the property to Henry Steadman, father of Ed. The cottage was rented for years to Parker Harmon who lived in the cottage summers only, or until the rooms were added to the gas station. After the death of Ed Steadman's widow, the place was left to Della, Nina and Wallace Tryon by her will. Soon after it was sold to Clifford and Bessie Cronk and some repairs were made. Clifford decided to sell, so Noel Mahn bought the cottage, making more improvements and moved from



New York with Mr. and Mrs. Oswald. They came in 1969 and love every minute in the house and country, so they say.

As the story goes Capt. John Brewer was the first settler and built his house one half mile east of village on the Otis Road. He came into the village on the Konkapot River and built a sawmill, later owned by Captain John Langdon. It is told that John sawed from this mill lumber to build for his son. Wilbur, the store known as the Langdon Store here in the village, as well as the house where Wallace Tryon and his wife, Marguerite, now live. John Langdon, who took over the store after his father's death. Henry is the first Langdon that I remember. The store has been remodelled inside quite a bit. At the front of the store between store and present post office was located a large platform scales owned by the Town, where loads of commodities could be weighed. London Clark was the owner of a large pair of horses that drew in the freight and grain for Henry Langdon. After having his load weighed he would drive around the east side of the store, under a large trap door, where would be lowered from the peak of the roof a rope tackle which was hooked to a barrel of flour to be pulled up to the first floor or whichever floor it was left for storage. This place where the unloading was done sixty years ago has been closed in and made into a garage. As you went into the front door at the right was the post office, consisting of numbered small boxes where each person's mail was kept till called for. On the post was hung a small container, postal card size, where each day was put a postal card telling what the weather would be the next day. On the opposite side, next to the cheese box, in a glass-faced box were kept fresh roasted peanuts. The lid raised very easily and as a customer passed, his hand would snitch one or two peanuts. On the east side of the store was a shed that would tie up two or three horses and wagons. This shed was torn down and the present structure added for a larger post office, and so used until Charles Slater of Tyringham built the present post office. On the river bank was a building which was used for the storage of grain. After Henry Langdon's death this building was turned into a horse barn to keep the delivery horses and wagons that Mr. Langdon had kept at his own barn. This barn is where Noel Mahn now lives. As the automobile came in, Mr. Miner used it for a garage. It is now torn down and grassed overa nice place to sit by the brook.





HENRY LANGDON HOLE IT 1900, CWITTER OF THE VILAGE STORE



After the death of Henry Langdon, his widow, Mary Pease Langdon, went o Pittsfield to live with their daughter, Clara Langdon, selling their home to Henry Steadman who moved from Chestnut Hill to their new home here in the village. Henry's wife, Ellen Stratton Stedman, had died, and her sister Jane Cone came to do the work for Henry until Henry passed on, leaving the place to his son, Edward. This would be my uncle. Edward Steadman. Ed had married my mother's sister, Emma Amelia Burrows and in 1926 I had married Marguerite E. Stedman, a native from Tyringham and, wanting a place to live, was able to persuade my aunt and uncle to sell to us the house and part of the land. When we became owners of the property, we had to remodel to our liking. There had been a large porch around the front and north side of the house which we took off and built a stone entrance with stone steps to the front door. To retain the lawn in front of the house we built a retaining wall of cobblestone. On the east side, beyond the bay window, a lean-to had been built, consisting of a kitchen, water room, where water was piped from a well on the hillside. flowing to the barn and house and then to a large water trough beside the road where horses and cattle could have a cool drink of water. It was in 1927 we exchanged a three-holer for a bathtub. stool and sink and put in town water, steam heat, and later on built the breezeway with a two-car garage. This garage was very expensive for a ledge of rock had to be blasted by an expert, Ray Blivin from Otis. It was my first attempt at laying cement blocks, but how I learned was by watching others. But I got what I wanted; the most convenient way of entering a car in bad weather. We did the upstairs into an apartment and have no trouble renting.

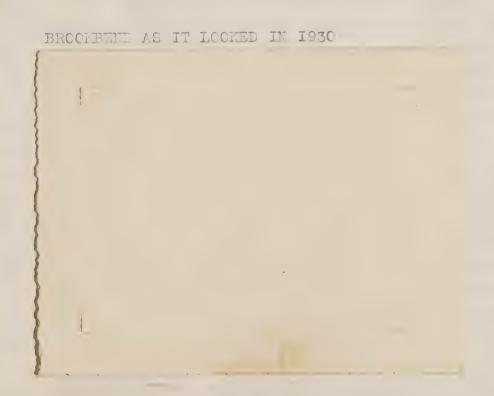
I have no idea how old this house is, but it is not one of the first in town. The house where I was born has tapered posts in all corners of every room, and for the Bidwell Store that I tore down where my garage stands in the village, hand made nails were used. I saved all the nails I could and sold them at 5¢ apiece to some builder in New York.

Brookbend Inn. This farm was owned by M.C. Langdon, but when I was young a Harmony Bills lived in the east end of the house and rented the west upright part to other families. After the death of Mrs. Bills, John Palmer was the owner of the buildings consisting of a fine New England type house with the usual ell part of a story and a half, and a fine coat of white paint which made it attract the eye while coming into the center

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This invitation of my aunt Emma Burrows wedding was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitney, of Hartsvill in 1890.



of the town. At the east of the house stands a large barn, well-built, with large timbers, mortised together with wooden pins. This barn will stand for years if the roof is kept shingled. Between the house and the large barn was a building where cattle were kept for milking. There was a high board fence around the barmyard. At the back of the house stood another building with a workshop in the front and a wood shed piled full of dry hard wood in the rear. A driveway at the west end of the house next to the present Library was the way of access to the farm. A lead pipe leading from a shallow well on the side hill across the road was the water supply for man and beast. Running to a large wooden box the water was dipped up with a pail carried into the house for family use and the overflow ran into another wooden box for the stock to drink from. Mr Palmer sold the place to Mr. Ensign, taking down the cow barn and woodshed, Ensign started major repairs and building, adding on a large ell at the south side of the main building and creating a dining room, kitchen and a large storage room on the ground floor. The second floor was made into bedrooms and several baths and toilets. After completion with a large fireplace in the dining room, the old farm house was opened to the public as an Inn and was called Brookbend Inn referring to the large bend in Konapot Brook that runs in sight of the Inn on the south side of the property. Mr. Ensign sold the Inn to a Miss Lelia Morse who ran it for several years. But he took it back and later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Haviland Staples. Staples sold to John Higgins, who opened up for business as a bachelor, but in a few days was married to Margaret, a girl from Illinois, in the old Inn. Rev. Simmons who lived herein town performed the ceremony. John and his wife tried to make a first class Inn go for awhile, but it kept running in the red. John leased to Mr. Dubriel, then finally sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L'Hommedieu. Charles found the overhead was too expensive to operate as an Inn, so took a rooming house license and converted the large dining room into smaller rooms and has six family apartments rented at the present time. We just hope the town will take interest in this Monterey landmark and buy it for a town hall.

The Monterey Dramatic Society was formed in the early 1900's to have a place to have plays as the trend seemed to turn in that direction. The young people had had several plays and a minstrel show in the schoolhouse hall. Someone at the time thought it would be a good idea





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to have a larger building and the Dramatic Society was started. Having plays from time to time put a few dollars in the treasury and here is where the squabble began. Some wanted a large building of stone, others of wood, with a stage for concerts. Others objected to any dancing, and so on, until the idea fell apart. During the debate of years, sometime along the way, it was voted by the group to see if the old mill property could be bought from the Langdons. Bert Tryon, one of the members of the group was to get in contact with Robert Langdon, with whom he went to school in Monterey. Robert had moved to Hartford, Connecticut, where he and his family lived. Bert Tryon was successful in obtaining the price of the land. The group had a few dollars but not enough to pay in full. At a meeting it was voted to buy paying what they had in the treasury and taking a note at the bank for the balance. The note was signed by Bert Tryon, Fred Campbell and Harold Spangler. The Monterey Dramatic Society fell apart. Campbell and Spangler were not property owners in town and had moved away, leaving Bert Tryon to pay taxes and the interest on the note for several years. During the lapse of time, Bert Tryon's sister, who was born to Albert Tryon, the owner of Tryon's Hotel, had died in Torrington, Connecticut and left a legacy to the Town of Monterey in a Library Fund. At a town meeting, a motion was made to buy from the Monterey Dramatic Society the land and start to build a library. Another debate started concerning what the building should be called: - "Conley Library"? (a good gesture for the remembrance of our native home town girl) I don't think many voters who voted for the name Monterey Free Library realized how much the Albert Tryon family had done for the town. Years before it gave the land to the town to build a public school here in the village. The only other property that comes to my mind given to the town is Bidwell Park which is located on the opposite side of the brook back of the library. There you will find a stone marker erected by the town in thanks to the Bidwell family for the land to be used as a park.

In the front of the library is a very fine flag staff given to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwab. You will see the stars and stripes waving most every day, a symbol of love for our country. In front of this flag stands another stone with a bronze plaque with the names of the World War l veterans who served in the war from this town.



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PONTURE VILLAGE AS IT LOOKED IN 1908.

VILLAGE FIRST STREET LITE. ONLY THREE IN TOWN

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CARE TAKER AND LIGHTER WALLACE TRYON



This stone and plaque were given and erected by Lucy B. Eaton a long time summer resident of Monterey. This stone was blasted out of the road this side of Don Amstead's house, and brought down the hill on a stone boat to it resting place.

In the village of Monterey where the Monterey Free Library stands was once the mill yard of M.C. Langdon. The mill stood on a rock foundation next to the Konkapot River edge. This would be some two hundred feet from the edge of the road running east and west through the village. On this plot of land would be piled high large logs to be sawed into lumber or shingles. There was, and still is, a dam across the river which was used to hold back the water to controll the flow to a water turbine located under the mill. This first mill upstream was called an up-anddown saw mill, the saw being about six feet long, sixteen inches wide at the top and tapered to about ten at the bottom. The thickness of this steel was about one quarter of an inch. The teeth were very large and were swedged and sharpened to a sharp chisel shape tooth. The log was rolled on to a platform carriage, having flanged wheels to run on an iron track, to keep in line with the saw which was moving up and down. Having dogged the log well to keep it in place, the sawyer would inch the carriage along towards the saw which would take a calf as wide as the saw from the log, which is called sawdust. As the saw went up, the sawyer would inch the log into the saw to take another bite into the log. This was a slow process. As you go into old houses and into the cellars you will find the floor beams with the bark on three sides. Also in the attic, the rafters will have bark on three sides. Before the up-and-down sawmill cane into use, the log was hewed by hand with a wide axe. In many old houses, in the corners of the room will be hewn timber, larger at the top than the bottom. You will understand these are very old houses.

Next to the up-and-down mill was a circular sawmill which I believe was installed in recent years. Shingles were also sawed out under this roof and boards were planed to a certain thickness here.

Adjoining this building was a large two or more story building about one hundred feet long and sixty feet wide, with many windows upstairs and down. At this time I was about six years old and my father had bought the building of the Langdons to be taken down for fire wood. My father had installed in the cellar of our house a four foot hot air



furnace in which we burned up all the boards and timbers from these mills for several years. I never was allowed to go inside of the buildings for they were sure dilapidated and some had already caved in. My father told me this was a carding mill where they carded wool to make yarn and thread. Also a felly shop where fellies were made for wheels of all sizes. We did burn up some of these fellies which had been left in the room after the closing of the shop. A large vat to hold hemlock bark was in this building. The hemlock bark was bought by the cord and the seller of the bark had to supply one hundred twenty eight cubic feet to make a cord. The bark was placed in the vat and water was put in afterwards to fill in the voids. When full, the water was drawn off and measured and the seller had to bring more bark to make up the full cord. At the far southeast end of this building was a cider mill where the apples were ground into pumice and discharged into a large vat consisting of heavy wood slats running parallel, with a half of one inch opening between each other, forming about an eight foot square box. foundation, made of heavy timbers, stood about two feet off the floor with a water tight floor about nine feet square. At the edge of this platform was a deep groove made to catch the juice which ran into a vat for storage; later to be put into barrels. As the pumice came into this slatted container to a depth of about four inches, it was covered with rye straw, then a layer of pumice, a layer of straw, and so on until it was full to the top. After planks were put on top all in one direction, then crosswise, a large plank was put on top, then two long screws extending from the ceiling were screwed down to contact the large plank. As the planks were pushed down into the vat of pumice, the juice would start flowing on all sides of the vat.

At the riverside were many barrels filled with water, after the hoops had been tightened to swell up the cracks so no cider would leak out. After the water was poured from the barrels, they were filled with fresh sweet cider for the owner to take back home, where they were put in the cellar to ferment and turn into hard cider. Most people had a barrel or two in their cellar. When friends would call it was the custom to bring in a nice cool glass of cider to enjoy together—the sign of hospitality.

About three hundred feet along at the foot of the hill stood a two-story house, called the swamp house or "Chickohominy" house. It was rented to some of the mill workers that had no home to live in.



This is my story of the old mills as I saw them when I was a boy. As the story goes, John Brewer came to town, built the first sawmill on the Konkapot River in the village of Monterey and sawed lumber to build houses in town. Some time after the Langdons took over the mill. and M.C. Langdon, living in the house known as Brookbend Inn sawed lumber to build the store for his son, Wilbur Langdon, also the house where Wallace Tryon lives. M.C.'s name was Merrick. Seeing his son Wilbur had a nicer house, he tore down the upright part of his, living in the ell part until the present upright building was built. Wilbur had a son named Henry Langdon who took over the store from his father. When I was born, Henry was the owner and lived with his wife, Mary, and a daughter, Clara Langdon, in the house where Wallace Tryon now lives. Henry had a large business, delivering groceries and picking up eggs on Town Hill in Sandisfield, Montville, Sandisfield Town, West Street, Hartsville, Corashire, Old Center and around the lake. Frank Harmon worked at the store and did much of the delivering. Julius Miner having finished high school in Gt. Barrington, went to work in the General Store in Sheffield for two years, coming back home to work for Henry Langdon as a clerk. After Henry's death in 1906 Mary Langdon went to Pittsfield to live with her daughter, Clara Langdon. At this time the Langdon Store, Inc., was formed and the two Miner boys who were working in Pittsfield came back to live and work in the store. Arthur, the oldest Miner boy, went back to Pittsfield and worked at England Brothers Department Store as a floor walker. Arthur married a Dora Fair, built a house in Pittsfield, raised two girls, Jane and Ann Miner. Sometime later he and his family went to Oregon to live. Julius and Lester Miner were twins and ran the Langdon Store until they sold to Charles Slater of Tyringham. Charles ran a farm in Tyringham and hired a man from Pittsfield to work in the store. This did not work out well and it was sold to a family in Becket by the name of Croshire. Wanting a place to live, they tore out the second floor partitions, lath and plaster from the sides, installed fiber glass insulation, re-wired and made an apartment with hot water heat. Not making a go of it, they sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jervas. The Jervas's had a little hard luck the first winter. The furnace went off and the whole system of water froze up and burst many pipes, water running down on merchandise on the first floor and into the cellar. It was so cold in the store the Jervas family had to go the neighbors to stay. Albert Phoenix

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was the next owner and he too has improved the old store into a first class general store.

When approaching the old store in the 1900's you drove up to a horse block in front of the porch, an easy place to step from your carriage onto the porch without touching the ground. On the east side of the store was a shed where two teams of horses and wagons could be tied up out of sun or rain, while the owners could shop or just sit and talk, for there were chairs on the porch for the convenience of the customers. Here, too, was where the boxes and discarded cartons were kept. A hole in the cellar wall at the north corner of the building is where the coal was scuttled down into the cellar for fuel, to be burned in a large round coal stove, which stood in the middle of the room of the first floor. On the river bank was a long building which was made into two horse stalls after Mr. Langdon's death. When Mrs. Langdon sold her residence to Henry Stedman the barn also went with the place. In this long building was the storage place for grain which was brought in from Gt. Barrington by lumber wagon, pulled by a team of lovely bay horses owned by London Clark. London made a trip to Gt. Barrington every day of the week for grain or freight for the Langdon Store.

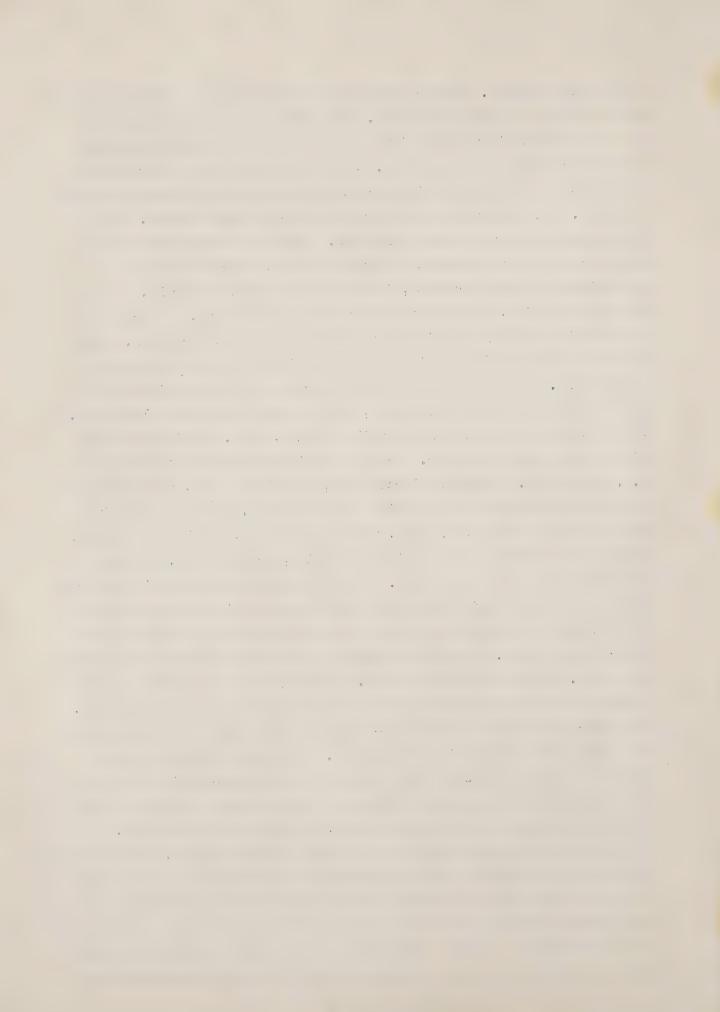
A few years before the Miners sold the store, Lester Miner, coming back to the store on a dark and rainy night, was struck and killed in the middle of the road about one hundred feet from the store's door walk.

When Slater sold the store, he reserved a parcel of the land on the west side of the store and built a building which he rents to the U.S. Government for a Post Office. For many years the Rost Office had been in a building erected on the east side of the store by the Miner boys. Mr. Julius Miner had been the postmaster ever since the death of Henry Langdon. He held this postmastership until the Democrats elected President Roosevelt, when it was given to William Martin, and a new building was built across the road next to the river. This was occupied for several years by Martin, who, looking for a cheaper rent, went back to the Langdon Store building and stayed there until a new building was built by Slater. The postmasters have been: H.W. Langdon, Julius Miner, William Martin, William McManus, Felix LeMoin, Peter Phillips, Jack MacIver, Walter Parks and Joan Salzman, the present clerk.

In the village on the north side of the highway stands the Monterey Congregational Church, a lovely old New England building, painted white

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with green shutters. Some changes have been made since I went into church with my mother for the first time. The balcony in back of the church has been glassed in and made into a room where the Christian Endeavor held their Friday night meetings. Just a few years ago a door was cut through the outside and a fire escape was erected on the outside of the building. All the seats or pews have had their doors removed. place where the piano stands held pews. They have been removed and a double door with an entrance to the outside was placed for the convenience of taking caskets, in and out for church funerals. On the opposite side, where once stood a foot pumped organ, is recessed in the wall a lovely old pipe organ pumped by an electric motor. The pews have had their backs lifted about six inches to make them more comfortable. In the third pew from the front on the left side of the church is where Seymour Carrington, his wife and three sons always sat. Behind them was the Bert Tryon family of five. Mrs. Carrington was my first Sunday School teacher. Across the aisle one seat ahead was the A.S. Barnum pew. Generally three there, but always late, after the first hymn had been sung and it was time for the sermon. In the right side center pew sat Deacon John Hyde, wife and two sons, Charles and Nelson. Behind the Hydes was Deacon Smith and family, less the Mrs. for she was at the organ with her choir. Deacon Thompson always sat in the front seat of the choir eating pepermint that he had obtained at the store in a paper bag. The bag always made a noise when he stuck his hand in for another candy mint. The first minister I remembered was Rev. John Dooley. William S. Bidwell played the organ. Bert Tryon was the sexton and had a hard time in winter to keep the church warm enough to be comfortable. The church was heated by two wood-burning stoves until a hot air furnace was given and installed in the basement. The church had hung on the ceiling a lovely chandelier with eight brass kerosene-burning lamps and there were bracket lights at each side of the windows. The church bell was rung at nine thirty and ten fifteen, and tolled at ten thirty. Church services started as soon as the bell stopped tolling. The communion services were conducted by the minister and two deacons. The wine was brought to the table in a large covered silver pitcher and poured into two large silver cups which were passed to the partakers who all drank from the same cup. It was later that the individual glasses were used. The old custom was to toll the church bell as the hearse was seen coming



to the church, and if you would count the tolls you would know the age of the person who had died.

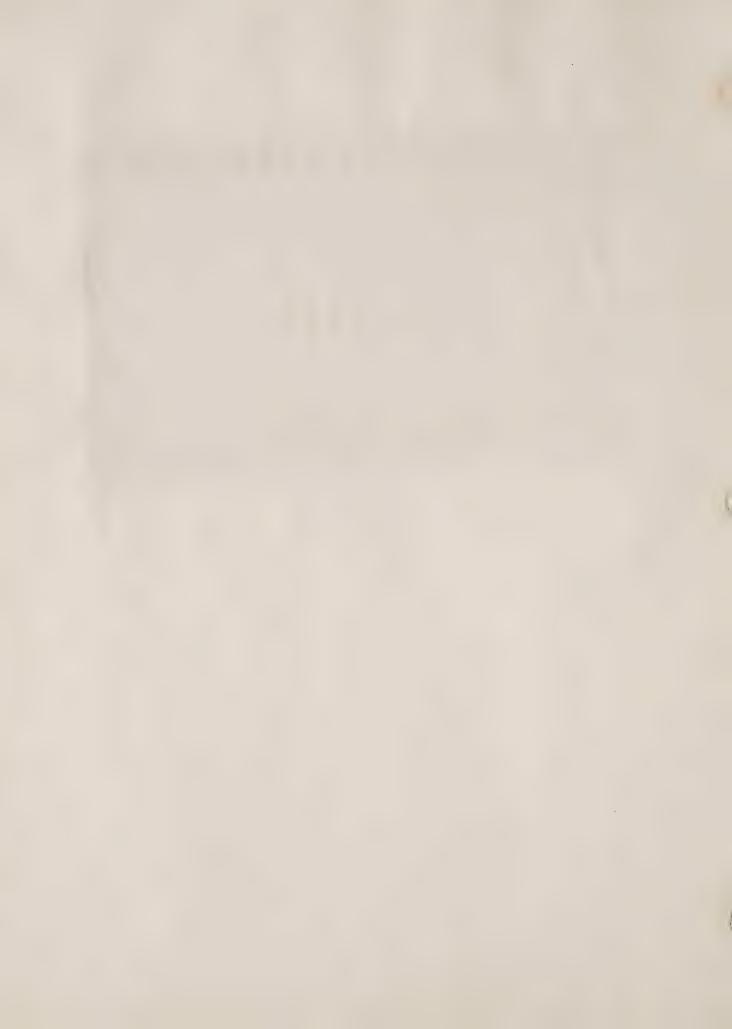
The basement of the church is where the social life of the community was held. There was a dime social quite often and bots of fun for all; games such as Spin the Platter, Drop the Handkerchief, Jinkin's Up and Jinkin's Down, Slip a Ring on a String and many others were played by young and old together. After the games a lunch fit for a king was served. Mothers brought their youngest children who were put to sleep on a bench or chair in a corner. Later changes downstairs were an up-to-date kitchen, hot and cold water, with many cupboards, and an exit door on the west side. As the old hot air furnace gave out, it was voted to put in circulating hot water heat, in the baseboard upstairs and in the floor down. This system was recommended by Wallace Tryon and overseen by him. Antifreeze was put in the system to cut down the cost of operating as well as to freeze-proof in winter. The janitor pushes a switch to start and when leaving pulls it off. This consists of two separate systems, one up and one down. The old wooden front steps were replaced by stone, which at present need some repairing.

Frank Heath and his wife, selling the farm at the intersection of Otis and Sandisfield Roads to Langehare, a wealthy man from New Marlborough moved to the so-called "corner house" in the village opposite the church. He occupied part of the building and rented some rooms to tenants. A man lived there alone, William Warner, called "scientific Bill," who was trying to invent perpetual motion but died trying. Fred Campbell the man who operated the Berkshire Hills Creamery, and his wife lived there for a few years. Mrs. Carie Dealand, who had left her husband, Edward Dealand, came with her mother and three children to stay until they bought the house from John Gregory, the house at the top of the hill which Mrs. Etta Damon now owns. Gordon Taggart and his first wife, with their two sons, kept house there for awhile. Another tenant was "John Doe," a man who was taken into court about the episode of the shooting of Julius D. Miner, the owner of the Langdon Store Company. The police took from this house a double-barrel twelve gauge shotgun which they suspected had been used at the scene. The reason was that one barrel had been discharged and not been cleaned. At the time of the court hearing Mr. Miner closed up like a clam and the case was closed for the time being. Mr. Miner was removing from his hands

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EVONS THA ROOT AROUND 1920.





TRYO'S THA FOOT WILT IN 1927





TRYON'S TEA ROOM ABOUT 1908



bird shot for several years after.

Jane Heath, the daughter of Ellery G. Heath, married Donald Smith, a native of Pittsfield, moved in and ran a tearoom for a year or so. Mr. George Bunce and his mother lived on the first floor for awhile. At the east end of the house was a large front door. Kids would stand upright, and would place a large four foot stick of wood against the door. After knocking they'd run and hide behind a large elm tree that stood nearby. When the door was opened by George, the stick of wood would fall into the house, then there would be some loud words heard from the inside. Outside, the boys would say "George Bunce, dead now, but alive once."
Robert Hardisty and his first wife lived in rooms upstairs, when first married.

Miss Lelia Morse, the granddaughter of Samuel E. Morse, the inventor, was the owner of Brookbend Inn at this time. Wanting more rooms for her guests, Miss Morse bought the Heath house from Francis Heath's daughter Mrs. Joseph Empie, who had married her second husband and was living in Jacksonville, Florida. As time went on the place was sold to Mr. Arthur Hebert and wife, Hazel Shultis Hebert. The Heberts tore down a large barn and wagon shed and built a carpentry shop installing much machinery. Mr. and Mrs. Hebert have a girl named Pat and a boy, Robert. Pat took up nursing training and married a Jones boy from Lee. Arthur went into heavy construction business and as his son, Robert, became old enough to run machinery, took him in as a partner, as Arthur H. Hebert and Son. Robert married Linda Rabiner, a nurse from Pittsfield. They live in the old Bidwell boarding house called Ledgehurst.

Next comes Tryon's Tearoom, a place for the young people from town to come and meet other young boys and girls. The little house in which Bert Tryon started selling commodities was only a two-room building. When he bought the old Underwood house, this building was occupied by a man named Tony Maloney who lived here in two rooms and worked out by the day. Bert started selling tobacco, candy and cigars about 1890. The ice cream business originated by freezing home-made ice cream in a six quart freezer and keeping it packed in ice at the hatchway at the west side of the house. At this time a group of fresh air boys was sent up to Fargo Grove from New York by the "New York Times" for a vacation. Finding that Tryon had ice cream for sale at the village, the boys would walk to

the Tryon's and come to the hatchway and for a nickel would have put on a dish a scoop of ice cream with a spoon and then they would walk to the front of the church, sit on the steps, and eat the cream. This is where the ice cream "Home Made" started. This was carried on for a year or two and then Bert increased the amount of freezing by using a gasoline engine and forty quart freezers. He made his own ice cream for many years, taking all the cream the Phalando Harmon cows could make. At last came Pittsfield Milk Exchange with ice cream delivered here in Monterey cheaper than he could make his own, but it wasn't so good as Bert's! In 1929 a new building was built over the old one and then the old one torm down.

At this time the town was running wild. There were three camps for children at the lake, with no restrictions when parents could come to visit. Brookbend was filled and bulging at the seams. Berkshire Summer School of Art was full, with about one hundred and sixty students at the camp and the overflow stayed at boarding houses in the village. Father Hughes' camp was filled as was Hephzibah Heights and New England Keswick. Della Tryon managed the Tearoom, having a cook and two helpers in the kitchen, three waiters for serving meals and a girl at the fountain. The Tearoom stayed opened almost every night until one thirty or quarter of two. A woman would come in early in the morning, clean and sweep up, fill candy cases ready for the next day's rush. Sometimes I had to leave the garage and come and help serve ice cream cones. As the years passed, things changed. New eating places serving all kinds of goodies sprang up on the highways. Motels took the overnights from the boarding houses. Camps changed hands and made tighter restrictions on visting days. Also the Berkshire Summer School of Art closed its doors and was no more an art school. All in all Monterey fell apart for excitement and social life in the village. It was in 1959 that the Tryon Tearcom closed for good. It was one of the saddest times for a few of the young as well as the old.

Next was a building that had been a store owned by M.S. Bidwell and called Bidwell and Langdon Store. The son of M.S. Bidwell, named William, bought a "Berkshire automobile" which was made in Pittsfield. William and a carpenter named Edward Brooks started to convert this store into a garage where William was to keep his car. It was a few years later

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that I bought the land and buildings from William Bidwell and enlarged the building to hold ten or more cars, and sold gasoline and oil. Gas at this time was as low as twelve cents a gallon and motor oil twenty-five cents a quart. A fifty gallon barrel, kept next to the brook, was my first storage capacity. Then a two hundred and fifty gallon underground tank was installed, with a hand pump and hose for dispensing. Later on a larger tank was put underground for special gas and I received the first two electric pumps in Southern Berkshire. I had several boys work for me along the way, as I drove my car for hire and met trains at Gt. Barrington Station. A 1914 Model T Ford touring car was my pride and joy. I remember taking three Jewish women, six children, two trunks and several bags from Gt. Barrington to Town Hill in Sandisfield in this 1914 Ford Touring car. After putting the nine persons in the car. we tied a trunk on the running board each side of the car and stuck the bags wherever I could find a hole or someone's lap. We had carried passengers many time before, but this was the largest load I can remember. During our two months of the Berkshire Summer School of Art it was a sure thing to have two seven passenger cars at the commons at eight o'clock in the morning to take six girls in each car to take a trip over Jacobs Ladder into Old Deerfield and sightseeing around town. continuing on into Greenfield and coming home by way of Mohawk Trail, stopping at Sweetheart Tea Room on the road up the Trail, to have lunch, or sometimes the school would put up a box lunch, and a picnic would be had together at the summit. This ride would generally take place on Saturday and another group of girls would be ready to go on Sunday. Another beautiful ride was a trip to Pittsfield through the Tyringham Shaker Village, coming in to Lee, then swinging onto Route 20 to Lenox, Pittsfield, and over Lebanon Mountain, stopping at the Shaker Village, there being shown around the grounds and buildings by one of the elderly Shaker women. Leaving Shaker Village we would continue down the mountain into Lebanon village and take the road to State Line and Stockbridge, winding our way back home by the way of Monument Valley and Muddy Brook.

The little cottage standing on the Konkapot River bank was built in 1933 when President Roosevelt took office. The building was designed and built by me for a Post Office and leased to William Martin, as he was appointed Postmaster by the Democratic Party to replace Julius Miner who had held this office for years. When Martin opened up this building for

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a post office he also sold bread, doughnuts, cookies, cake, candy, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. This continued for several years but unable to pay thirty dollars a month rent, it was thought necessary to move back into the building on the east side of the Langdon Store Company where it had originally operated. I converted the building into a three room cottage, added a garage and bath, and rented to folks in Monterey. Henry Wolfer and his bride, Ruth Heath, were the first to occupy the cottage. Mr. Raymond Ensign made his home there for eight years, and at present Carl and Eva Jesperson are occuping the cottage. When I first bought this property from W.S. Bidwell, a two story building stood where the cottage is, and behind that was a long shed which was rented to the church for the purpose of tying up horses during church worship or other events in the village.

The old white house with the three large columns that stands on the river bank some distance from the road was known as the Adison Steadman home. He had two sons, Oscar and Henry, living on Chestnut Hill in Monterey, also one girl named Mary who taught school in her younger years and lived at home with her mother and father. After Mary's death the place was left to her nephew, Edward Steadman, son of Henry Steadman. The little farm consisting of eight acres more or less was sold to Wallace Tryon, son of Bert and Lelia Tryon. Reserving the meadow land, Wallace Tryon sold the house and barn to Raymond Ensign, who owned it but a few months, sold to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer who moved in with Mrs. Sayer's father and mother, the Malcolm Bernies. As Mrs Sayer tells the story, the Sayer family of her husband was quite wealthy and if the Ed Sayers had a child the wealth would go to his child, but by no chance to Ed, for there were some hard feelings toward Ed in his family for years. Ed's wife, whose name was Louise, decided to adopt a child in a peculiar way, thinking she could fool the people in town. She started to wear pillows inside her dress every time she appeared in public, to make people think she was pregnant. During the time the pillows enlarged; Louise's husband, Ed, was taken sick and died. At the funeral, the pillows had disappeared and Louise was back to normal living. Deciding to go to California to live, Louise sold the house to a real estate dealer, who in turn sold to Ernest Westberg, who came to Monterey with his mother, Hulda Westberg, from Sweden. Hulda's husband, Emile Westberg, came to the U.S. and obtained a job as a caretaker and farmer for John Pearson, who had bought the Hale farm. Emile having a good and steady job, wrote to his wife in Sweden to come to America at

once, and Hulda and the son, Ernest, came. Ernest went to school here in the village and obtained his education. Also a sister, Tillie Westberg was born here in Monterey. She married a Gordon Nightingale and they have two sons.

Emile Westberg was a heavy drinker and when drinking was very disagreeable and hard to live with. Many times Ernest would take his mother and sister to a neighbor's house to stay overnight and return after his father had gone to work. This living continued for a few years until Ernest bought the Adison Steadman place and made a home for his mother. Ernest works for the State as a forester and has charge of the Swann State Forest as well as York Lake in Sandisfield. Hulda is at the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home in Monterey.

Now we'll cross the bridge and come to the Grange Hall. On this foundation stood the M.S. Bidwells' large white house with a white picket fence in front running parallel with the road. Between the house and the road stood two large elm trees and two good eating apple trees. One tree had a large white apple which ripened early in the fall. The house was a two-story with an ell at the back. Opposite the driveway on the same land was another two story building. The first floor was a little higher than a regular ceiling for this was a store run by Frank Harmon, a native of Monterey. Adjoining the house was a place where they stored wood for winter. Next adjoining was a long shed where they stored wagons and sleighs. At right angles to the shed was an extra large hay and horse barn with a hay bay at the right of the two barn doors. At the left was a scaffold and under this scaffold was where the horses were stalled. Down in the cellar of the barn about head high is where the pigs were kept. At a right angle to the big barn and about twenty feet back of the big white house was an open shed where automobiles were kept. Picture in your mind these buildings which formed a large U shape structure. When the buildings burned in the summer of 1914 the large white house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ellery G. Heath and family of five boys and one girl. Orville Heath was the oldest; the others were Grey, Harold, Wendel, Elenore and Paul. All the boys had nicknames: "Shine," "Jim," "Tommy,""Mickey, and "Teddy."

In the old store lived Arthur S. Barnum, his wife Clara, and a boy, Arthur H., nicknamed "Pokey" and a girl, Beatrice, or Bea. These two men went into business as Heath and Barnum, driving the Monterey Stage, doing livery, working heavy work horses for hire as well as doing

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general farm work. They worked with a large chain-driven Mack Truck driven by "Mickey" Heath on the Town road for years. Mr. Ellery Heath was Selectman as well as Superintendent of Town roads.

Let's start with the Monterey Stage first. The U.S. Mail or the Stage Route was from the Post Office in West Otis to the Post Office in Gt. Barrington. This route was like a hand-shake job. It was put up for bids, but knowing some Senator from your district helped out a lot, and Mr. Heath was a politician in the Republican Party! Mr. Frank Hart drove the stage route for Mr. Heath. Mr. Heath had lots of help at all times. Frank Hart and his wife, Cora Johnson, lived in the three room apartment of B.E. Tryon's across from the Post Office. About five o'clock in the morning Frank was up having his breakfast; almost ready to go to work. He went to the Heath's barn, harnessed a horse, hitched it to a buggy and started for West Otis, where he would receive a pouch locked together by the Postmaster, Ralph Langdon. This Post Office was in the house of Ralph Langdon and was located on the north side of Route 23 and west of Tyringham Road. It burned down some years ago. The cellar hole and foundation have been levelled and made into a meadow. On Frank's return trip back to the P.O. in Monterey he had to pick up all mail in the letter boxes beside of the road. The owner; of the box would put up the mailbox flag to let Hart know he had to stop. Arriving back in Monterey Frank would stop at the Berkshire Hill Creamery where he would pick up a box of butter going by express to New York. Stopping again at the Monterey Post Office, he would leave his pouch of mail and letters that he had picked up on his way from West Otis. Driving his horse and buggy back to the stable and leaving them, he then would take a pair of horses which some of Heath's help had made ready and hitched to a four seated wagon called the "stage." This stage had a large box with hinged cover in front of the driver's seat, where he would carry the loose mail that he would collect on his way to Gt. Barrington. On the back of this stage was a baggage rack. Leaving the stable, he would come back to the village P.O. where the postmaster, Henry Langdon would have the mail pouch and letters ready. Frank had to put the letters in the mail boxes along the way to Great Barrington. Langdon also might have several crates of eggs to be taken to the merchants in Gt. Barrington or to be expressed elsewhere. Frank also received notes and messages along the way when someone would want an errand done. Arriving at the Gt. Barrington Post



Office about two and one half hours later, he would leave the mail pouch at the P.O. and deliver his eggs and butter. Then he would go to the Paul and Walker Livery Stables to put up the horses for rest and a dinner. Through the back alley to "Crott's" he would get a cold glass of ale or an appetizer for lunch. The lunch room was run by the Edward Bropheys on Railroad Street. The train leaving New York City in the morning was due to arrive in Gt. Barrington a little after noon. Frank would have his stage at the Railroad Station waiting for any passengers that wanted transportation to Monterey. Sometimes there would be as many as six persons and six or more trunks. The trunks would be put on the rack at the rear of the stage, securely tied with ropes. The passengers in their seats, Frank would start on his return trip, stopping at the P.O. once again to pick up his mail pouches which could be four or five and a bundle of loose mail to be placed in mail boxes along the route home. The first stop would be at Three Mile Hill, where beside the road stood an iron watering trough with nice clean, cool water that was fed by a spring. This was refreshing for the horses as well as the passengers. A tin cup to be used by passengers would hang from a nail driven into a tree, or if preferred one could take the water by mouth as it was bubbling about two inches in the air like a drinking fountain. The next stop would be another watering trough, made by nailing several boards together. From here to Monterey was up and down hill. A large foot brake was used by Frank to help the horses to hold the load back going down hills. Arriving at the P.O. in Monterey, about three hours ride from Gt. Barrington, dirty and dusty with the smell of the horses' sweat, made everyone glad you were at journey's end.

The mail pouches were taken in for sorting and the stage taken back to the Heath and Barnum Livery Stables to be exchanged for the single horse and buggy which had to continue on with the West Otis pouches and the loose mail to be put in the boxes along the way.

After Frank had delivered the mail pouches to the West Otis P.O. he returned to the stables and had his horses fed, watered, and bedded down. Then he came home to Cora for a good cooked supper. After supper the horses had to be brushed and curried and made ready for the next day's trip, to be done all over again. This was a six days' job, 52 weeks a year. As the years went on the transportation changed but not the route.

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Automobiles came in for carrying the luggage and the Berkshire Hills
Creamery shut down. Milk was transported by the stage in forty quart
cans and taken to the milk plant on Maple Avenue in Gt. Barrington.
Several of the farmers carried their own milk but much of it was carried
by stage. The form West Street in Sandisfield had about eight cans.
Claude Burke from H.W. Eaton's farm and Delmor Tryon all had their milk
picked up here at the village store; along the route more milk was gathered.
Enoes, Harts, and Bretts all left theirs at the roadside to be put on the
stage. As of today no milk is going by stage. We have had several
stage drivers but it has always been a member of the Heath family. Paul
Heath, "Teddy," drove for years until his death and then his wife, Hazel,
took over and is still the driver.

In 1873 the house now owned by Edward Morris, was known as the Manser house but as long as I can remember Jasper H. Bills and his wife, Hattie Palmer Bills, lived here. Jasper ran a blacksmith shop. In later years they converted the house into a boarding house called Willow Glenn. Jasper Bills had two children, a girl named Etta and a boy named John. This was a very famous boarding house and was filled to capacity all summer. Lizzie Clark, a colored girl, born and educated in Monterey, was the cook. The boarding house continued for years, until the transient trade had ceased. Harriet, losing her husband, went to live with her son, John, in a smaller house which she had bought from Carrie Deland. It was known as the Dunham house. The boarding house stood idle for several years, until Ed Morris and his wife bought the estate, making repairs to the buildings and moving into a cottage that had been Jasper Bill's blacksmith shop. They stored many articles in the big house and now run an antique shop. Ed is a plumber by trade and keeps quite busy in the summer months.

The W.C. Langdon house is next; a large two story house with a porch extending across the front. This porch had for its post to hold up the roof one made of iron, very fancy. W.S. Bidwell bought the house from W. C. Langdon who rented it out. I remember these families that lived in the house—Pearson, Churches, Hooks, Enoes, Charter's "Harry and Everett." John Gregory bought from Bidwell, tore down the house and built a new one in 1918. John was a painter and paper hanger by trade. He painted many houses in town; also worked by the day at odd jobs. After John's death his wife Clara sold the house to Genevive Lyman. The Lymans adopted a

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son, Charles, who married Marion Watson. Charles and his wife had two girls.

After Genevive died the house went to her sister, Adria Hoyt, who lived here with Charles Lyman until Adria died. The estate was settled and Harold Greene and wife, Lena, became the owners. Harold was a forester who had worked at Swann's State Forest. He had come from Mill River where he had lived and married. Harold and Lena have two girls. One, Shirley Greene, married a Bachetti. Shirley has one boy called "Skip". The other girl named Nancy married a Brancazzu, whom she divorced, and Brancazzu married again. He lived but a few years. Nancy works for the Massachusetts Electric Company in Gt. Barrington where she had worked after high school. Nancy lives at home with her father and mother. Since he moved here, Harold Greene has cut many thousands of trees, to be sawed into lumber. Harold is extra good with a scythe as well as a paint brush. He has served as a Selectman for the town.

There is a large foundation at the west of Harold's work shed where a large barn stood until it burned at night, about 1901. I was a child and watched the bright light in the sky from the window of my mother's house.

The next piece of land was still Bidwells' where two Townsend girls came from Hampton School, Va., as teachers. A portable cottage was put up for summer use and Helen and Jessie Townsend came back every year and brought back several Indian girls and boys to boarding houses to help with the work. Several of the farmers took boarders and were glad to get help. Nobody had running water then and all the water had to be carried upstairs for their morning toilet as well as taken back after their sponge bath as slop water and thrown on the ground. Miss Jessie Townsend became the wife of William S. Bidwell who ran Ledgehurst. William's wife had passed on and the two Townsend girls were born here to Mr. and Mrs. Jayson Townsend who had been old friends. The cottage was taken apart by Clifford Cronk, moved to the knoll to the lift of the driveway that goes up to Raymond Tryon's house. Clifford er ected it again and he and his wife, Bessie, stayed several summers there.

The Bidwell land was bought by the Lake Garfield Golf Club and one of the clubs greens is where the Leroy Thorpe house stands. Leroy married Barbara Amstead and they have one son, Michael Thorpe.

Wilber F. Miner and wife, Mary Smith Miner, lived in the first house across the bridge on the left and all their five children were born here. Henry, Lelia, Arthur, and twin boys, Julius and Lester. Henry

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was found dead at Tryon's landing in Lake Garfield where he had gone for a swim. As I remember, Wilber having a horse and a cow or two, did little work for other people. He sat on the store porch when weather was good and inside if cold and stormy. Wilber had other friends who would be there with him. He was Town Tax Collector for years. I would say after his death Thomson took it over. The taxes at this time were collected on percentage. It was some time later that the Tax Collector was put on a salary.

West of Thorpe is another W.C. Langdon house, sold to London Clark who was a slave brought up from the South after the War. M.S. Bidwell brought the young colored boy to Monterey and he worked for I.K. Hadsell who ran a mill on the Konkapot River about one half mile downstream from M.C. Langdon Mills. In due time he married. The name of the minister who married Lucy and London was Rev. Clark. At the marriage ceremony the minister asked London for his last name and he told the minister that he had only one name, "London." So the minister gave him the name of Clark, and from then on he was called London Clark. The Clarks had three girls, Lizzie, Louise, and Rosie. None of the girls was ever married. Louise went to Pittsfield to work. Rosie worked for Dr. Beebe in Gt. Barrington most all her life. Lizzie did work for I.K. Hadsell. As her father and mother grew old Lizzie stayed home to take care of them. London had a large pair of horses of his own that he drove to town every weekday for a load of freight or grain for H.W. Langdon Store. Grain was in 100 lb. sacks, but there was molasses, in a barrel, as well as flour, sugar, salt and crackers. Tea came in large boxes, coffee, which had to be ground at home in a coffee grinder, was in 100 lb. bags. Most farmers bought a barrel of flour and one of sugar at a time. The buck wheat was taken to Hartsville where Doncaster had a grist mill for flour. The mills here on the Konkapot River were for feed for stock. It would take Clark all day to make a trip a distance of eighteen miles and a horse can walk about three miles an hour on the level. All of Clark's load had to be weighed on a drive-on scale that stood between the store and the present Post Office. Also he would bring in coal for those who wanted it for the winter months for heat. After the last of the Clarks passed on, the place was sold to George Bynack, who did quite a lot of work to make it livable for his son, Paul, and wife,

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PICTURE OF CHARLES GREGORY HOUSE LOOKING TOWARDS THE CENTER XXXX NEXT HOUSE IS LONDON CLARK GOING EAS.



Vivian. While Paul was living there the barm burned. After George Bynack passed on Paul and his family of six went o live with his mother, Adeline Bynack, who lives in the old C. Crosby place. Adeline sold to Richard Sheridan who lives there now.

The next place was owned by W.C. Langdon. Charles and Bell Gowey Gregory, I expect, bought from W.C. for that is where they lived. He had a family of six children, Clara, Lulu, Mable, Alton, Reginald and Thelma by his first wife. His second wife was Nettie Carrier and they has three children, Evelyn, Lacy, and Ralph. Charles was a painter by trade, and also did paper hanging. In the winter he had a large string of traps which paid him well for a day's work. Charles' second wife was a nurse who had cared for his first wife during her sickness. After Charles died, his wife and there children went to live in Oakville, Connecticut. She sold the place to Charles and Etta Hanlon. Charles was s state boy cared for by Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer, living on Sandisfield Road in the L. Thompson place. Etta is the daughter of Jasper Bills and granddaughter of John Palmer. Charles married Etta. They have two sons, Carl, who lives in California with his wife, and Ralph and his wife and their daughter who live in Springfield. Charles was a Selectman of Monterey for a term or two. After Charles' death Etta lived at her home and her mother and brother John lived across the road in the H. Dunham place which the Bills then owned as well as two other houses. A man came to town by the name of Damon. He and Etta Hanlon were married soon after. Mr. Damon had worked for many years for the Spaulding Company in Springfield, making tennis rackets. After his death Etta sold her place to H.T. Kessler who spends somepart of the summer with us as well as holidays in the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler have two daughters. After selling this place Etta moved to her mother's house across the road, selling the old Bills boarding house in the village to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morris and a house on the Tyringham Road to Robert Gardiner, who lived here at Gould Farm when a boy and worked at Tryon's Tea Room for two summers. He is now a school teacher at Cheshire, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner have one boy.

Next is the Lorenzo Webb farm, a small house and a large barn, a woman everyone called "Aunt Harriet" lived here. I remember her sitting on the porch when I brought my father's cow from the pasture, where Ernest

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Heath's house is built. Also the large barn stood just this side of Ray Ward's garage. It burned about 1900 and what a fire! The house was sold to George Francis soon after Aunt Harriet's death. With Mr. amd Miss Francis who came to Monterey to live was Miss Francis' niece. Max Harrison. In due time she married Harold Hall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall who lived on the New Marlboro Road. Max and Harold went to live in Springfield. Mr. Francis died here and Miss Francis went to live in a home in New York. Ellery Heath bought the farm for his son Orville and wife Emma Heath. Orville had just married the Stapleton girl who had spent several summers in Monterey with her aunt, Miss Everit who had a cottage on Fairview Road. Orville Heath had two boys, Orville and Ellery. Their father drove stage until his death. Emma Heath was left with the two boys to be brought up. Emma's mother, Mrs. Stapleton, came to live with her and the two children. Emma was a school teacher here in the village for 37 years. Her older son married Elaine Kellogg and they lived in Springfield with her husband Orville and one son, Doug Heath. Emma's younger son, Ellery, married Bonnie Palfini of Mill River. They had one child, lived together for a few years and divorced, then he married Dorothy Ames and they have two sons, Michael and Mark. After Emma retired she went to Gt. Barrington to live in an apartment. The house was sold to Don Amstead who came here from Clayton to work at Harold Schwab's chicken farm. Don bought the old golf course and club house and made the club house into living quarters where Don and wife, Edna, with three children lived. They had two boys and one girl. The older boy, Don, Jr. lived in the house beside the road where Emma Heath lived. Don and his wife, Pat Oats, had children so they swapped houses with his father, for the father's house was a longer distance from the traveled road and not such a hazard for Pat's children. Donald, Sr installed a sawmill at the Cady house next to where he lived and Don cut logs trucked the logs to the mill, did his own sawing and delivered the boards to his customers. One night the mill caught fire from a slab pile that Don was trying to burn up. The fire got into the Cady house, which had been moved from the village where the present Post Office stands. It was used for the Monterey Free Library for years.

Bruce and his wife and children live on the Tyringham Road.

Bruce built his own ranch type house on the easterly end of the golf course fairway, which is known as Lime Rock Hill.



The daughter of Donald, Sr., married Leroy Thorpe. He and his wife Barbara and son, Mike, live in the house that Leroy built, west of Harold Greene in the village.

The house across the road from Aunt Harriet Webb was known as the C. Crosby farm which contained the large two-story house and barns. Rev. John Dooley and family lived there, as I remember. The Dooleys had two daughters and one son. Alice Dooley never married and her sister, Elizabeth, married the Rev. John VanBurk. The son, Alender, married a Wetsel girl who came here from the city, living in the Ward place, the first house over the town line in West Otis. Mr. Dooley preached here in the Monterey Congregational Church for years. Beside his preaching at the church he raised bees and the bees made honey which Mr. Dooley sold. Opposite his house stood a large barn and at the south end is where he kept his equipment and stored many hives of bees during the cold winters. Mr. Dooley claimed the bees knew what he was talking about. I have seen him pick up one of his honey bees here in the village and tell it to go back home, and it would fly in that direction. Before he died he had a tombstone all lettered with his name and on the stone were bees crawling around. Later his family had the bees removed. The big barn burned and Mr. Dooley built a so-called beehouse which was made over into a cottage by Ellery Heath. This is the yellow cottage where Mrs. Margaret Hall is living. Mr. Ellery Heath took over the farm next, lived there for several years, built onto the barn for cows and sold milk to customers around the lake. The church had owned the farm and sold to Heath, but reserved a building lot at the east end of the plot. The church built a parsonage there which served their use until Arthur Smith gave, in memory of his father and mother, the present parsonage which is occupied by the Rev. Virgil Brallier, selling the old parsonage to a Burns family. The husband has left his family and Mrs. Burns works at the nursing home here in Monterey.

Ray Ward and his wife, Mary, came to Gould Farm for a place to stay, found work at the Monterey Congregational Church and took up his abode at the parsonage after Rev. George Miller vacated. Ray drove school bus, and built the three-car garage on land he had bought from Heath. Ray and Mary had three children while here in Monterey, Sally, Louise, and Leslie. Ray held town offices,—town clerk for awhile, Selectman, Board of Health and preached and performed marriages for anyone who might request it. Ray was



OFFICERS SHACK PINE BROOK ACRES MONTEREY.



also a handyman with tools, did quite a bit of plumbing at the camps. Ray and his family left here for a better position in Monroe, Connecticut. Ray and Mary kept their garage and a little shack back of the garage where they come to stay for a day or two at a time. They say they still love Monterey.

Down the road on the left is a house built by John Vanburk, the grandson of Rev. John Dooley. John built this small house on the west corner of the old Crosby farm, rented it to people for a time in summer, then sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, where they ran a tearoom for awhile. Don sold to his brother—in—law, Wendell Heath, where he and Wendell's wife, Ann Walsh Heath, and family lived until they bought a home in Gt. Barrington and moved, selling this house to his brother Ted and his wife, Hazel Shores Heath. Ted carried on their business from this house until his death. Ted's wife Hazel took over and has driven the stage route from Otis to Gt. Barrington ever since. Hazel lives alone and has a beautiful yard full of flowers all summer long.

For one hundred and sixteen years, the town of Monterey voted dry, but in 1963 it went "wet" and a small building was erected on the land now owned by Donald Amstead at the entrance of the Lake Garfield Golf Club. Don was able to obtain a liquor license from the Selectmen and is the first man to sell liquor legally in town. He sold out to Mr. Fitzpatrick, who has sold out to a Dennis O'Connor. This winter it was broken into twice with a loss of some seven hundred dollars woth of liquor. Some had their thirst quenched all right.

The Contessa house was built by R.S. Bidwell, a carpenter of Monterey. The three Contessa women, Emma, Clem, and Marie lived on the Beartown Mountain Road where now lives Bill Stevens. Contessa sold the old farm house to Henry Lankenau. This place on the map is called the Smith place. The place was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. He was a New York man, who made many friends in Monterey. Ferguson was head Selectman at the time of the town's one-hundredth anniversary in 1947, which was celebrated on July 4, 5, 6. It was the biggest event that ever happened in Monterey. After Mr. Ferguson's death the place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome who run it as a restaurant. This place is known as "Sun Inside." The Lancome's have one son, Claude. Mrs. Ferguson went back to New York to spend her remaining years.

On the south side of Route 23, over the bank, is where Ernest



Heath and his family and three girls live. The oldest girl married a Heath from Tyringham, and they all live here in Monterey. The Heath family are all lovers of horses and each one has one to ride. We often see them in parades on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Ernest has quite a business of delivering sawdust to farmers in New York state for bedding cows and horses.

The Lake Garfield Golf Club was formed in 1928 by our summer residents of Monterey. This was a stock company, and A. Wallace Tryon was the only resident of Monterey who came forward to buy a share of stock to help promote activity in the town. The property back of Harold Green to Sue MacIver's and along Tyringham Road, a 93-acre tract, was bought by the L.G.G.C. and at once the old meadows and undeveloped land began to turn into fairways and putting greens. At the west end of the property a large club house with kitchen, showers, and ballroom was built, and the view from the porch overlooking the mountains on a New England sunset evening was out of this world. They had many activities in the afternoon and evenings. In the large ballroom at one end of the long room stood a large open fireplace made of fieldstone taken from the stone walls on this property. At the north side of this sixty-foot building were two large glass doors that opened onto the first fairway. This was very convenient for elderly people to enter the building from ground level. In the center of this room hung a large chandelier which was very attractive. They had many social dances with a five piece orchestra playing until midnight. The dances were held on Saturday nights for the convenience of the many persons who worked in New York, and came by train to Gt. Barrington or Hillsdale on Friday night to be met at the station by a family car. They had clam bakes, corn roasts and many potluck suppers during the summer season. The Rev. George Miller was the minister who was preaching here then, and he started "sings" at the club house which were held in the inside of the building every Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The singers came early and stayed late. Mrs. Grace Miner was at the piano. Grace would bring the hymn book from the church and everyone had a book of his or her own so the words could be followed. Who ever had a choice song he would like to have sung would call the page number and off they would go. Rev. Miller was the leader of the group.

Outside there was a caddy house which was moved up from the village where the present post office stands. This building was used as the Monterey Free Library until a legacy was left to the town of Monterey from an old



town girl who was born and educated in our schools. This girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tryon who were the owners and operators of Tryon's Hotel, the first building back of the Congregational Church on Tyringham Road. Tryon's daughter, Alice married a Frank Conley and they built and operated Conley's Inn in Torrington, Connecticut. In her will she left a sum of money to the town of Monterey to be used for a Library and it was put into a Library Fund. With some of the fund and an appropriation approved by the town annual town meeting, we were able to have a new public library.

The old library was moved to the land of the golf course and used for the above mentioned caddy house. A large freezer was bought and the players could keep their beer cold, as well as have a nice fresh sandwich made to order by the counter girl who was Amy Enoe. Upon their return from the ninth green hot coffee and cold soda were also on hand.

The club had a big loss as the building caught fire and burned. From then on the club went down hill until they decided to sell the land and equipment. They sold tractor, fairway mowers, greens mowers, hundred feet of iron pipe, electric motor, a large storage tank for water, and at last the land to Donald Amstead. Donald made a ranch type house on the old cellar using the large stone fireplace and chimmey. Soon he moved in a sawmill which was run by a large diesel engine, which made loud noises, not appreciated by his neighbors! The slabs started to pile up, so Don decided to burn them on the spot. This was good for sometime, but late one evening the fire worked its way to the caddy house where Don kept his supplies and the caddy house as well as the mill went up in smoke. Don's oldest son and wife, with their three children live there now.

Here are some of the old members of the club you might like to remember: Dr. and Mrs. Henry Groehl, Att. Harry and Lucille Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mahr, Dr and Mrs. Edward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herley Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Diefendefer, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somers, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. Thomas Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Landenau, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lankenau, Mr. Edward Mc. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Emile, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Tas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pluthner, Mr. Nathan Hanes, Mr. Fred Groehl, Mr. and Mrs John Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Gotsberger,

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitestone, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Ferguson, Dr. and Mrs. Sackman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Guden, and Mrs. Bud Fijux.

At the annual Town Meeting held in February, 1967, it was voted to buy ten acres of land from Donald Amstead for the purpose of constructing a Town Hall or Community Center on same. The Town voted and raised the sum of \$7,000. to buy the land and they also voted to nominate a committee of five to bring in plans for a new building at next town meeting. This was done, but the plans were voted down by a large majority at the meeting. But we have the land still waiting.

Just over the fence from the Lake Garfield Golf Club stands a large New England Type building built by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Taggart, who came to our town as summer residents about 1925. They bought the Steel cottage next to Witherton on the east and Lighthouser on the west. This was a development started by George L. Keyes in the 1890's. Dr. and Mrs. Taggart had two children, Beulah and Gordon. The Taggart family came every summer right after school let out in June and stayed until after Labor Day. Dr. Taggart was a dentist and worked in New York. Coming by train to Hillsdale on Friday, he was met by his wife and driven to Monterey. Saturday he was on the golf course with the rest of the golfers, also again on Sunday trying to beat his high score. Dr. Taggart kept this up for a few years, but finally built the large white house on Route 23 west of the village next to the clubhouse. Dr. took up his practice in Gt. Barrington and kept it up until his death. Mrs. Taggart sold the house to Jack and Sue Staples MacIver and she went to live in Dalton with her grandson, Peter Whitestone, and his wife and children. Mrs. Taggart has passed on and she was buried beside her husband in Corashire Cemetery in Monterey. Mr. and Mrs. Taggart's daughter, Beulah, married Walter Whitestone, had one son, Peter, who is married and has four children, also a daughter. Elizabeth Whitestone, who married Jack Camp, and they have three children. Beulah Whitestone divorced Walter and married a Clarence Peacock, living in New York until Clarence's death and Beulah came to Gt. Barrington to live.

Gordon Taggart was married to Muriel Jones and they had two sons,
William and Richard. Gordon divorced his first wife and married Helen
Asay who died. His third wife is Mable Bailey. The Taggarts live in
Mill River. Gordon does carpentry and his wife has a gift shop at their house.

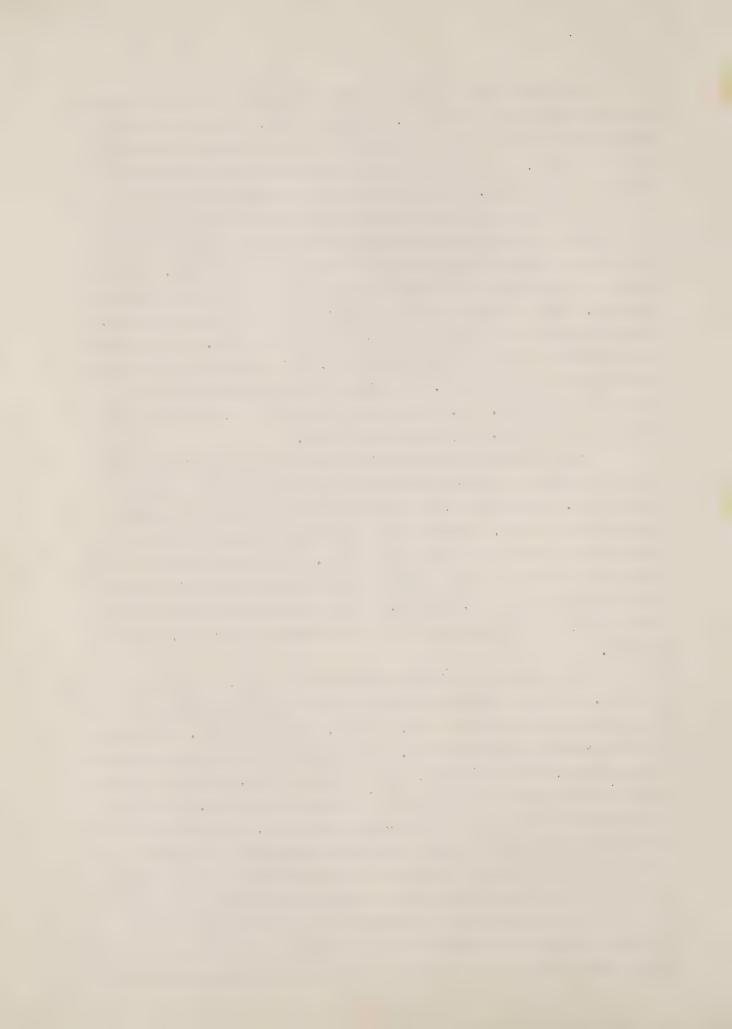
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The land where the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home is was a Langdon lot which was owned by Robert K. Wheeler in 1957. Arthur H. Hebert bought these acres of land and started to build a nursing home to be run by his daughter, Pat, who had gone to Pittsfield General Hospital and studied to be a nurse. The home was built of native lumber under the direction of Floyd Forest who worked out of Hartsville as a carpenter. This building is two hundred eighteen feet long and forty feet wide, consisting of twenty single rooms with baths on ground floor. In the center of the building is a large lounge to be used by the patients and visitors. Back of the lounge is the dining room and a large kitchen. This is located in an ell under four bedrooms and baths. In the cellar are located the laundry and storage rooms. All rooms have a large door opening onto a lovely porch. The view is toward the west and the sunsets are gorgeous. Mr. Hebert sold the home to Mr. Tallessi and it was sold again to Mr. Ivy, the present owner.

Across the road from Berkshire Hills Nursing Home in the meadow stands Greywold, a barn which was owned by Frank Hart and bought by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watson, who were among the founders of Berkshire Summer School of Art. Ernest and his wife were teachers at Pratt Institution in New York before coming here. Ernest remodelled the old barn into a beautiful place where he and his wife spent their summers. The place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morrison who are spending their time in Florida, having sold to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Killeen.

Next we come to a little settlement of houses, known as Cy Brewer's property. The first house was built on the cellar hole where once stood the house of Cyrus Brewer, by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashworth. Travelling from the nursing home towards Gt. Barrington we find the road goes around a sharp curve; across Route 23, back of homes of Mrs. Papp and Vickerman; around another sharp curve right back to the present road. This made the Vickermans house facing the so-called new road. But on the old road on the south side stood a large barn for stock and hay, opposite Brewer's house. One night Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tryon were driving to a husking bee at the Townsend farm on Gould Road. As they passed this varn a voice was heard calling for help. As the story goes, the minister's son, Alexander Dooley, was walking to the husking bee with a revolver in his coat pocket and as he passed this barn the gun accidentally went off and



shot Alexander Dooley in the leg. The Tryons picked him up and drove him to Dr. Payne who lived where Camp Kadima now is.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ashworth built the first house on the Brewer property selling it to Roland Tite, who in turn sold to the present owners Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Vickerman.

The second house was built by Arthur Hebert and sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Perry. He was a shovel operator and worked for Mr. Arthur Hebert. Perry's wife, Wanda, drove a truck for rent to the town, drawing gravel, and picked up junk. Perry sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roberts who came here from South Lee.

The third house was built by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wells, who sold their house on the Otis Road to Mr. and Mrs. George Richter. Howard and Dottie and their three girls lived here for awhile. During this time the Perrys came back and started to build a pre-cut house which is the one Mrs. Wells lives in now. Howard selling his house to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrus, made arrangements with the manufacturer to take over payments and Wells moved in.

Howard Wells was town road superintendent for several years, working his way up to head Selectman. The girls grew up here and the oldest one, Judy married a young man from Pittsfield. Their marriage did not last long and Judy came home to live. Later she married Peter Phillips. Peter's first wife and four children had left him for parts unknown. Peter and Judy were married and have one child. Howard's second girl, Karin, married a Metallo who works in Canaan, Conn. They have one child and live with Mrs. Wells since Howard died. Mr. and Mrs. Wells, third daughter, Sandra, was found in her room, dead from a bullet in her chest.

John Enoe and his two boys and three girls live on the next farm. Gertrude, the oldest girl, married a Shepardson boy from Pittsfield. He broke his neck by diving while swimming. Charles, Herbert, and Amy all stayed home. Herb ran the farm with his father. Charles worked with Richard Bidwell doing carpentry. He also helped in putting up a large woodpile for they still burn wood in their stoves for heat. Herb had a large pair of horses that he worked on the farm and drew gravel on the town roads. Amy is the housekeeper for the family and also goes out three or four times a week to help other people. Cora did housework for a few years and then went to work for the Telephone Company. Cora was

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sent to Washington, D.C., where she remained after retirement. Cora married a widower with two children.

Gardner Stevens married Bertha Culver, lived in the Stone
House, had two sons, James and John. James Stevens married Teresa Turner.
He was a carpenter, built his own house and several others. He had three
sons, one daughter. James Stevens, Jr., Culver Stevens, Rockie Stevens,
and Teresa Stevens. Rockie Stevens married the oldest Irving Halstead
girl, who came here from White Plains, lives on the Tyringham Road
in a cottage which was built by Henry Lankenau originally for a hen
house. After James' wife, Teresa, died, he married Mrs. Marjorie Park
and sold his place and went to Colorado with his family. Mr. and Mrs.
Gardner Stevens' son, John, went west and was married out there. Mr.
and Mrs. Gardner Stevens bought land across the road called the Upton
Place and built a pond in the swamp. We think the Hollow House was
built by D.D. Hopkins, a lumber man. It was sold to Gardner Stevens,
who built a new house, overlooking Stevens Pond on Main Road.

After Bertha Stevens died, Gardner sold the old and new house with pond to Morandia and Martin who in turn sold to Peter Schweitzer.

The caretakers for Schweitzer have been Harrison Dewkett and wife Lila, Robert Hardisty and wife, Violet Gilmore, and a son, Richard Hardisty. Robert Hardisty's first wife was Evelyn Stafford. After he was divorced, Robert married Violet Gilmore from Tyringham.

Gardner Stevens sold the Stone House to a Miss Hazel Hyde and she in turn, to Mr. and Mrs. George Tuttle and father—in—law Fred Vose. Fred had three daughters and one son by his first wife; the daughters were Ruby Vose Tuttle, Louise Vose Lyle, Vivian Vose Cooney. Fred Voses second wife, Martha, was his first wife's sister. Fred and Martha Vose had oneson. Ruby Vose, who married Dr. George Tuttle, Sr. had one boy George Tuttle, Jr. and a girl Dorothea. Edwin Vose, the son of Martha, married Addle. They have two daughters, Betty Ann Vose and Mary Jane Vose. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vose came from Holton, Maine, where Mr. Vose was in business building wood cabinets. He told me he nearly lost his shirt before he had to give up or go bankrupt. They bought the Stone House for the purpose of keeping boarders. As time passed on Dr. Tuttle built a new house, ranch type, west of Stone House, where the family moved and sold the Stone House to Charles Peet. Mrs. Ruby Vose Tuttle was a nurse in the U.S.A. Army in World War I. Fred Vose, Jr., was a

pilot in World War I and was killed in a plane accident.

The west end of town at the junction of Route 23 and 57, was called Pixley Corners. Cap Pixley sold to Max Slaminsky and family who moved from east end of town to west end. Max used to pick up fat calves from the farmers and sell for butchering. He drove one horse on a box wagon. The house stood quite close to the road with a picket fence in front. Max sold to George Wasko who built a large hotel for summer boarders. This was the time when summer boarders were plentiful. In earlier years almost all our farm houses took in boarders. They came with their trunks and stayed all summer. They had to stay put for travel was by horse and wagon, after arriving in Gt. Barrington by rail. They did walk our roads and fields, also rode bicycles. The next owner was Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wasko, with two sons, Charles, Jr., and Robert. Charles ran an eating place near the road for a few years. The hotel burned down before Wasko sold and he went to California to live. The house across the road was owned by Smith Aerial, who in turn traded houses with Lafayette Battell who owned one at the end of the Battell Road, and Battell came here to live. I remember he drove a calico horse on a buckboard wagon and came to church almost every Sunday. One thing a child would remember was that he wore a large earring, which made me think of pirates. One snowy night a man entered his house and killed him by a blow on the head, took his money and watch. The man was found after some time by tracing the watch that he had pawned in a jewelry store in Winsted, Connecticut.

This house was then bought by the Shapiros and their boy built the new house in back. Mr. Battell had one son, Samuel Battell. The Battells are buried in Old Center Cemetery. ·

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ROUTE 57 PIXLEY ROAD

On Route 57 going east the first place we see is the Still Wright place. It was pretty well dilapidated fifty years ago, and here is where you will find one more cellar hole. Farther down the road is where stood the old Polly Wog district school house, where the Johnson family went to school. This is all gone, even the stones that held it up.

The clarence Johnson family lived in the house in the meadow where Backaus now lives. Cora was the oldest then Joseph, Bert, Ruth and Harry. Clarence was always called "Tunk" and was a man who loved his fire water. He also loved to fish, living right beside Lake Buel where the fish were plentiful. One day early in spring he tried to go on the lake, and was found in shallow water where he had broken through the ice and was dead, only a few feet from shore. Cora had married Frank Hart and lived on the Riwer Road. Joseph married Josephine Tryon, living in the village of Monterey at the old Tryon's Hotel. Bert married and lived in Gt. Barrington, driving a horse and doing trucking around town. Ruth married Angelo Zabato and lived in Housatonic for a few years. Then separating from Angelo, she married Val Brochon and went to Pasadena, Calif. to live. Harry stayed on the farm with his mother and built a new house where now live the Ralph Wordens. Harry worked for the Whitney Brothers doing carpentry for several years. He married a girl named Helen Collins, from the eastern part of the state. She was a sister to Delmor Tryon's wife, Frances Tryon. Harry and Helen had one boy, named Harvey, who was taken by Helen's brother for adoption after Helen's death. Sometime later Harry married a young lady from New York, but lived with her just a little while. She left him and went back to the city. Harry "getting his wires crossed in his head", committed suicide by shooting himself. Joseph Johnson went to California to see his sister, Ruth, and shot himself out there. His body was returned to Corashire Cemetery for burial.

At the south end of Lake Buel was Turners' Grove owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner, where people would come to have picnics and rent boats. The Turners had two girls, Bertha, and Cora. Bertha married Edward Hall and they had one son named Charles. Charles married Dora Burke daughter of Jack and Mary Bell Dowd Burke. Dora and Charles lived together but a little while, and Charles married again, but Dora never remarried and spent most of her life taking care of old people. Dora was one of the prominent officers of the Monterey Grange for many



years; receiving her fifty year pin in July of this year. After the Turners died, the Grove was sold and turned into a camp, called Camp Deerwood. On the east side of Lake Buel was another camp, called Camp Half Moon, owned by Henry Langar. Later it was sold to Dr. Storti and the camp is still in operation.

Many cottages and year around houses have been built on Rte. 57 next to the lake. Mrs. Zimmerley owned quite a large piece of land consisting of swamp and marshy wet land. The Hebert brothers, Henry and Arthur, bought the property and started filling the wet land with gravel fill which was taken from a gravelbank on the property. After filling much of the lake shore, cottage were built and sold or rented. Henry converted the motels into apartments which are all filled to date. Henry married a Viola girl from Gt. Barrington. Living at the lake, he worked at the Milk Plant on Maple Avenue as a steam engineer and steam boiler operator; one of few men qualified to fire a Steam Boiler. Many years ago "in the 1920's" Henry worked in the lumber camps in Monterey, firing steam boilers for the sawing of lumber, which was cut and stacked, and when dried in about a year's time was carted to George A. Stevens Box Shop in Gt. Barrington. Henry and his wife had one girl named Gloria who went in training for a beautician. She later married John Bawman but not for long as she is now divorced. Henry, losing his wife, sold part of the land and apartments, and is now living in Florida.



TYRINGHAM ROAD

Tryon's Hotel, is the first house on the Tyringham Road, back of the Church. Albert Tryon was a blacksmith and his wife, Forilla Smith Tryon, ran the Hotel. Albert and his wife had four children, two girls, Alice and Ida and two sons, Delmor and Bert. As a young girl Alice taught school at the Big Rock Schoolhouse located on Beartown Road this side of Aerial's. Alice walked back and forth each day. Later she married a Frank Conley and they built the Conley's Inn in Torrington, Conn. It is now called the "Yankee Peddler". Alice was made honorary member of the Torrington Fire department for the services she rendered to the department. After every fire the Inn was open to all firemen for sandwiches and hot coffee, no matter the time of night or day. Mr. and Mrs. Conley are buried in Torrington Cemetery.

Ida Tryon married Edward Cheseman from Becket, and they lived in New London, Conn. Ed was a baggage master on the train that ran from New London to Brattleboro, Vermont. This was a two day run and Ed had to stay over night at Brattleboro. He worked four days a week. Ed and Ida had a girl, Alice, who married Arthur Calvert, and a son, Claude. This family is buried in New London, Conn.

The son Bert married Lelia Aurelia Burrows, and they bought the old Underwood place where they lived all their lives. Bert learned the Mason's trade from his father-in-law, Chester Burrows. He worked in his father's blacksmith shop when yourg, shoeing horses and oxen and hammering out braces for wagons and sleighs.

The Hotel was a halfway stop for the Stage Coach that ran from Chester in the east to Great Barrington in the west. Here they changed horses for the hilly trips.

Delmor Tryon married for his first wife Louise Angard. They had three daughters, Mary, Josephine, and Della. Della Tryon was born on March 13, 1888 and her mother died April 18, 1888. After the second day of birth Della was taken to the home of Bert and Lelia Tryon where she lived the rest of her life. Delmor's second wife was Martha Jones. Giving birth to a boy called Delmor Jones Tryon on Jan. 12, 1895, Martha died the same day. The grandmother of Delmor took care of the boy until her death in 1910.

The daughter, Josephine ran the house for her father until her marriage to Joseph Johnson. Then Joe and Josephine moved to a new house that was built on Bookmead Farm, owned by Mr. and Mr. H.W. Eaton, Joseph

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raised Silver Black Fox to be sold for their pelts.

Mary Tryon went to live with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley, in Torrington, Conn. Mary Tryon married Thomas Reed who owned a jewelry store in Torrington, Conn. They had two boys, David and Robert. Mary divorced Thomas and came back to Monterey, bought a house and lived there until she married Mark Whitney from Hartsvill and went there to live. David, after finishing school, went to Syracuse, New York, to work, married, built himself a home, and he and his wife raised three girls.

Robert did not get along with his stepfather and as soon as he finished school he left for the west, landed in Oregon, married a Western girl and began raising turkeys by the hundreds. After Mary's husband died, Mary went west to see Robert, but came back to her sister Josephine's home where she died.

Delmor J. Tryon stayed with his father on the farm where he had a herd of cows and sold milk to our summer residents. He married a Visiting Nurse from Massachusetts General Hospital, who came here to practice bedside nursing and care sponsored by the V.N.A. of Gt. Barrington. Frances Collins Tryon gave birth to two children, Richard and Martha. Martha Tryon married Richard Race and they have three boys and one girl. They live in Gt. Barrington. Richard Tryon married Barbara Jost, the daughter of a doctor from Mt. Vernon who had a summer home here. Mrs. Jost spent most of the summers here with her three girls.

Delmor Tryon served in World War I, in the Berkshire Ambulance Corps, made up of men from Berkshire County. Delmor had a long illness and died in 1952.

The house on the hill, called Ledgehurst, where Dr. Broadhead lived was transferred to William S. Bidwell and wife Harriet. The Bidwells had two daughters, Louise and Harriet. Louise died in her twenties. Harriet Bidwell lived at home until she was married to Joe Johnson. She lived with him for a short time and was divorced and married John Heath of Tyringham who was working for his brother, Ellery Heath. Harriet and John moved to Tyringham where John had won the bid on the mail route from Tyringham to Lee, which he drove for years until his retirement.

Harriet Bidwell taught dancing one winter when the Foxtrot was all the rage. Also the barn dance that goes like this: One, Two, Three, Kick; one two three, Kick; then slide-slide-slide; then hop, hop,



then repeat. Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell took in summer boarders for years. Mrs. Bidwell passed on, and Mr. Bidwell married Jessie Townsend who was the daughter of Jonathan Townsend. Jessie had been gone from town for some years only to return for a few weeks for a vacation. Jessie was a teacher for Indians at the Hampton Institute in Virginia. In the summer Jessie and her sister Helen would bring up north many Indian girls and boys and they helped on the farms in this vicinity. After her husband's death, Jessie and sister Helen, with the help of an Indian boy named Horace Hinman ran the boarding house until Helen's death. The two women were very active in the community affairs. Horace was very handy working at odd jobs. He painted for himself as well as for George Bynack who a painter-contractor and lived in town. Horace liked his fire water and was rather messy when he had too much. The last time I saw Horace was in Springfield walking on Columbus Ave.

Ledgehurst is now owned by Robert and Linda Hebert, son of Arthur Hebert who are the owners of "A.H. Hebert and Son Contractors." Robert and Linda have a boy and girl who are going to our Regional School in Sheffield. Linda is a nurse and lived in Pittsfield before marriage. Linda also runs an Antique Shop in the old barn back of her house.

The little house next to Robert Hebert is where Bill Maxwell lived. I recall all he ever did was sit on the porch of Henry Langdon's Store, chew tobacco and spit. In summer he was on the porch and in winter inside on a chair. Bill also had the company of Wilber Miner, Frank Heath and Bill Warner. I remember how Julius Miner would explode when he had to take the onions from a box where the tobacco juice had been spit for the relief of a mouth full of tobacco.

Jack Burke was the tenant who came to live in the Maxwell house after marrying Marybell Dowd. They had three children, Dora, who married Charles Hall, Claude who married Grace Kimberley, Bert Kimberley's daughter from Sandisfield. Jessie Burke married and lives in Jersey. Jack Burke was a carpenter by trade and did quite a bit of repair work around town. Jack loved to play baseball and they nicknamed him Dynamite. How the fans would holler, "Kill it, Dynamite", when he came to bat.

Miss Blakesley, who came from Bristol, Conn., bought the Maxwell house. Having made many repairs and spending her summers here, she finally lived there until her death. In her will the place was left to the Monterey Congregational Church. The church sold the property to Howard



Washburn who in turn sold it to Mrs. Larry Johnson, and Mrs. Johnson to Mrs. Raymond Tryon, the present owners.

The next cottage was built by Jasper Bills and rented to summer people. It is now owned by Robert Gardiner who has made it into a year round house. He is a teacher at Cheshire, Conn. He and his wife and one son spend their summers here.

The next house was called the Halfway House; as it is halfway between the village and the Lake. It was owned by M.S. Bidwell, a tenant house for years, until Orlando C. Bidwell took it over for a summer home. Orlando was M.S. Bidwell's son who had studied Law and practiced from an office on Main St. in Gt. Barrington. He served in Boston at the General Court, a representative from this district, living on Maple Ave. in Gt. Barrington with his wife Helen Denton Bidwell and four children, Marshall, Margaret, Gertrude, and Helen. Marshall Bidwell studied music and played the pipe organ.

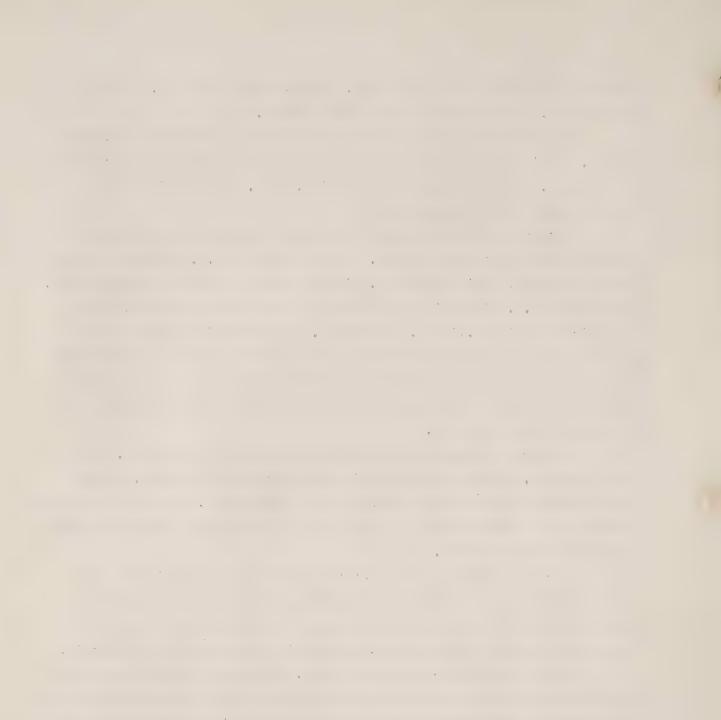
Margaret Bidwell married Fred White and had no children. Fred was a teacher, retired and spent his golden years in Monterey. Having been married before, he had one son by his first wife. Fred was a staunch Democrat and a great worker for his party. Margaret and Fred took active part in all town affairs.

Gertrude Bidwell married James Gould whom she met in the city and she worked there until her retirement. Coming back to Monterey, Gertrude bought the William Martin place on Beartown Mtn. Road. The Goulds had one girl named Anneta, now married and living in California.

Helen Bidwell married George Shaw, who drove a bakery truck and delivered from house to house in this vicinity. They have three girls; all married. Helen taught in the Regional School in Sheffield until her retirement. When first living in Monterey at Lake Garfield, their cottage was called Slab Shack. Later the shack was taken down, and Helen built herself a year around house. Helen lives here alone. George took to race horses some years ago, and where he is I do not know.

Bruce Amstead married Louise Jackson from Otis. They built a ranch type house on land that was the Lake Garfield Golf Club which was bought by his father, Donald Amstead. The Amsteads have three children and Bruce works for Brown's Associates.

Across the road stands the so called "Judd Mansion"; built by Milton Judd in 1898. In 1903 Judd sold to Mrs. Hecht who bought the



M.S. Bidwell farm. Mrs. Hecht had been married before to a Hoyt, who had two boys, Frank and Walter, who came here with her. Mrs. Hecht built several buildings, one being a long duckhouse beside the lake. Mrs. Hecht hired Harold Spangler to take care of the ducks. After the ducks had eaten all they could, they were caught one at a time and put into a food cramer to make them put on fat so they could be shipped to market in a shorter time. Mrs. Hecht set up a saw mill in the woods where lumber and shingles were made. They had many hired hands and Ellery Heath was the boss farmer. A young boy came to work for her named Joe Farr. He could not speak English and the first words he said were "Hugey Dugey". He was called that name for years, instead of Joe.

Leaving the village on the Tyringham Road and coming to the lake, we passed through a grove of Willow trees overhanging the road with their large branches, making shade for a walk along the road in summer. These trees were very old and very large. On the opposite side of the road was a fence consisting of tree stumps, with their long entangled roots, standing on their sides with the stump towards the west. These trees once stood on the land now covered by water called the reservoir.

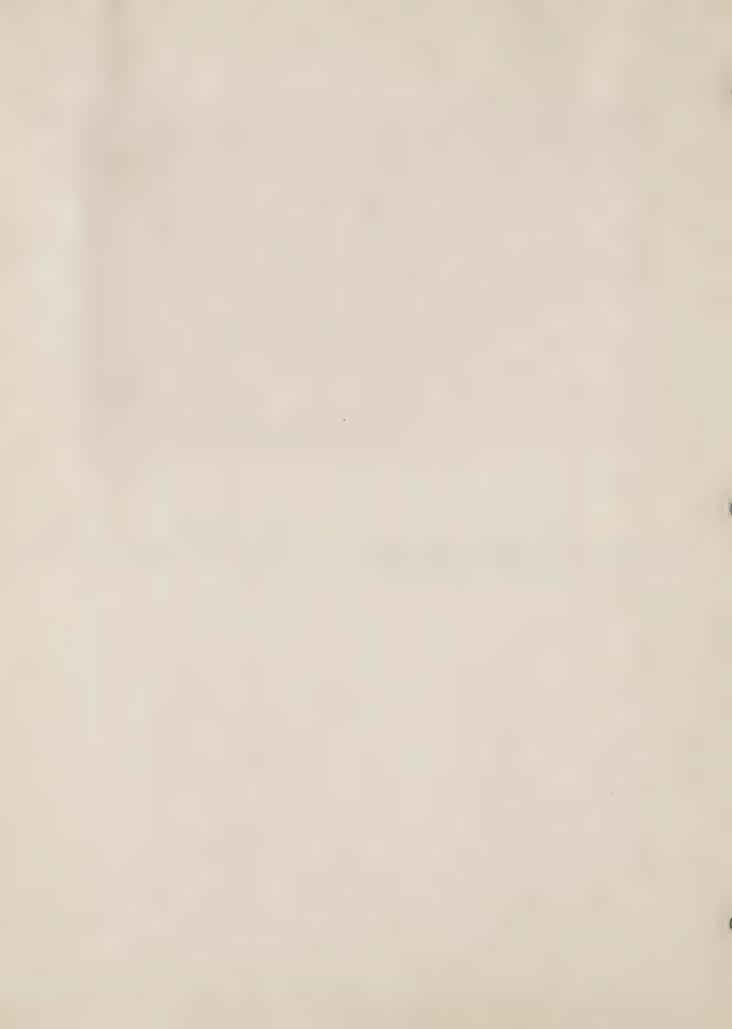
At the top of the hill stands an old house owned by Hyland Dowd who had two daughters, Jennie and Grace. Jennie married Henry Rogers and they lived on the Mt. Hunger Road all their lives. Grace Dowd stayed home and took care of her father and mother, but later she married Charles Scott who had lost his wife. Charles had two boys and a girl, Harry, Tony, and Jennie. The Scotts lived in the house now owned by James Pearson until his marriage to Grace. At one time the Dowds owned all the property on the north shore of Brewer Pond. What is called the Point Association The first cottage was built by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Smith from Westfield. This point was called Buck Wheat Point, a cleared spot of land where buckwheat was grown for food. Grace and Charles worked the farm and to make a few pennies in winter would cut ice for farmers, to be stored in ice houses, and covered with plenty of sawdust, to wait until summer for many uses. At the same time while sawing ice by hand, Charles would have several holes cut through the ice, with a minnow dangling on a hook and line to catch a fine fish for his supper. Grace and Charles had two daughters, Marguerite and Virginia. Virginia married John Baker and moved out of town. Marguerite married Edward Scherrer,

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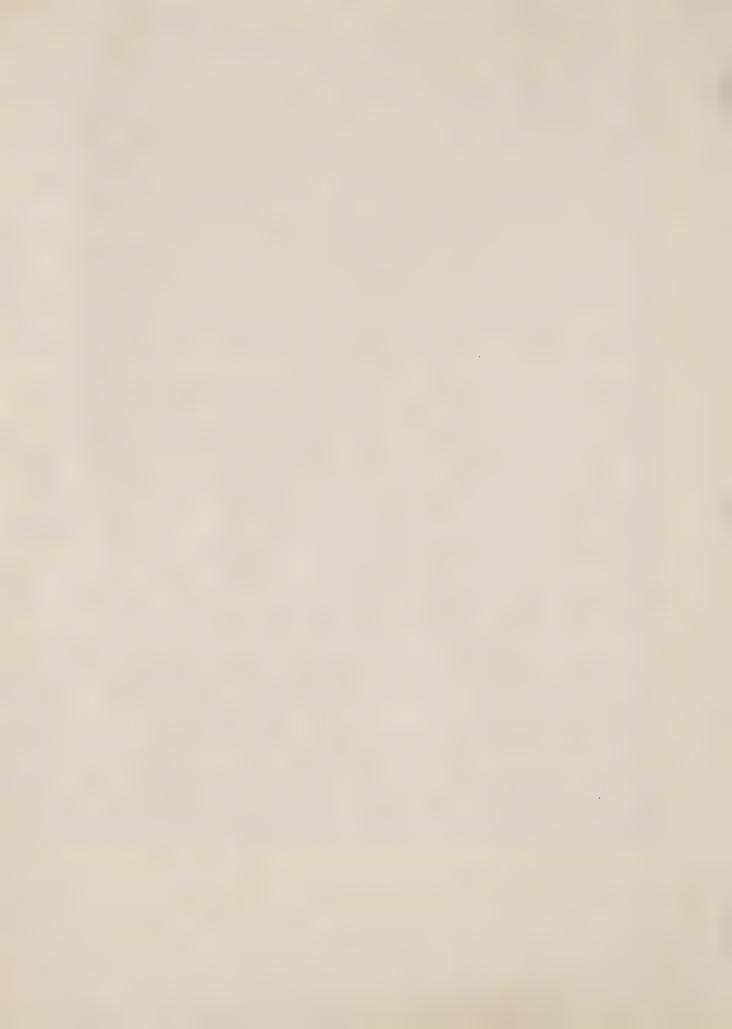
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The mext cottage on the left on land of Fearse's is their summer vacations. William was a dentis, abrother of Henry Welfer who was a dector and lived on Rt. 23 east of the village. William had a ner ous brook-down and become restal and to the out ina institute. Some time later Leona married Gus. Faux. and they care and spent their vacations at the cettage. After the disc to lace was sold to henry and Ceil Gattlieb from New York who have rentd houses here in town for rany years. Harry was the largest second hand care dealer in lew England for many years. The Gattleib's have two daughters and one sen. Harry has ratired and Sandy trein son went in-to the automobile, buisness selling cars too.

On the same side of the read, next door Mr. an Mrs. William Mundell built a small cottage where Elsie his wife and a sen William Jr. would spend all summer, William Sr. going back and working Coming back Friday night to spend the week end in Manterey.

Leaving the village about ones and a half mile along the Tyringham Read, we come to what was known as Morse's Carners, located on the Old Beston and Albany Iest Read. This read russ through the hills eart of Brever Pend, new known as Lake Garfield. On the north corner stands a very old house known as Pearson's Farm, new agreed by James Fearson. On the old map of said town it was called the T.D. Hale Farm: some-time later it was owned by Frederick M. Moore and then by Nellic house. It was put up at auction to cover indebtedness of the farm

Abusiness man from New York, living in Sheffield for the past theze summers, an vacation happened to drive to Montary and day, and stopping at the seneral story evano by Henry Landan, at into conversation with an elderly ran who tald him there was to be a cuption sale of a farr on the Tyringham Read. This can was John 7. Pearson who



drove to the place of sale and made an offer of one hundred dollars above the indebtedness of said farm. Leaving his name and address, he returned to New York. In a few days he received a letter stating his offer was accepted and he was the owner of the Bellie M. Moore Farm. John Pearson soon brought horses and farm equipment to the farm, also a caretaker to look after the development of the place. John and his wife, Sarah Seals, had two girls and one son. The older girl, Lettie, had married Alfred Guden and in due time built a cottage on the shore of Lake Garfield where they spent their summer vacations with their two children Sally and Jack G uden. The second girl, Leona, married William Wolfer and a cottage was built on the Tyringham Road overlooking Lake Garfield on land that John Pearson had bought from a Mrs. Hecht who had bought the M.S. Bidwell farm some years ago. Leona and William spent many summers here at their cottage. Jim Pearson was the youngest and had not reached the age of matrimony but was thinking about it. One summer he arrived in a Stutz Bear Cat car. Jim was able to pick up the cream of the crop of girls and he so did, breaking a girl's heart as he drove by with another.

One mile east of the village was the Henry Fargo farm which had been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Moses, having a daughter in her teens who craved excitement. She spent most of her time at the Tryon's Tea Room in the village, where many young people gathered. Mary Moses got her eye on a boy, James Pearson, and in due time was married. Building a cottage in a meadow west of the farm house, Jim and Mary would spend their summers; going back home in the fall in time to put their children, Jimmie and Betsy, in school. As the years passed and the children grew older, Betsy, married a Lanoue boy from town and they had two boys, James E. Lanoue and Robert Lanoue. This marriage did not get along too well and Betsy obtained a divorce from James. Later on Betsy married Harvey Gates and they have a daughter named Elizabeth K. The Gates live in New York City. James Pearson Jr. married Norma Fanlou, and James went into business with his father, carrying the furniture business into its fourth generation.

James Pearson Sr. has a home in New York where he and his grandson, James Lanoue, live, the boy going to school there. James comes to Monterey every weekend where his wife Mary lives on the farm with their grandson, Robert Lanoue. Robert is attending the Monument Mountain Regional High

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School in Gt. Barrington. Robert will graduate this June.



Leaving Tyringham Road onto Beartown Mountain Road we notice the house that was built by Walter Whitestone. This summer cottage was sold to Ray Hover as one owner. It is owned at present by Juliette R. Cobian.

The next house on the left was owned by Emit Gowey, a blacksmith, whose shop was in the village, next to Tryon's Hotel, on the Tyringham Road. When Mrs. Hecht bought the M.S. Bidwell farm, she also bought this house for her boss farmer to live in. Ellery Heath was her farmer, and he and his wife Lula B. Gregory, lived here. Later the house was sold to William T. Martin. After William's death the house was sold to Gertrude B. Gould. William T. Martin was the son of James and Margaret Curtin Martin. William leaving Monterey and going to Springfield to live, worked for the Springfield Trolley Co. as motorman. Finding a wife, Hanorah Looney, they moved back to Monterey and worked as caretaker for Arthur S. Somers, until he received an appointment, as Postmaster in 1933. Mr. and Mrs. Martin had one son named William, schooled here in Monterey and Gt. Barrington. He served in World War 11, maarried and had one son, "William the Second", who died in 1963. His widow and son live on State Road in Great Barrington.

Across the road from William T. Martin lived his father and mother, James and wife, Margaret Curtin, and three daughters, Mary, Agnes, and Julia. Mary was a school teacher, teaching in Gt. Barrington all her life. Agnes was a bookkeeper for J.H. Maloney's, a department store in Gt. Barrington. Julia taught school in Monterey, Sheffield and Gt. Barrington. Along the way Julia married William Welch, but the other two stayed single. When the children were young, they all picked blueberries on Beartown Mt. and made a good buck at it. James Martin worked as Stonemason, and as a caretaker for the cottages at the lake. He also served a term as Selectman of Monterey.

Across the road from James Martin lived the Eihorns. They had one son named Clarence, called "Chub". He played baseball in Big Four League. He married Katherine Supple who lived on Blue Hill in the town of Gt. Barrington. They had no children. This place has changed hands several times. Harry Forest lived there for awhile. It is now owned by John I. Carlson.

Across the brook that comes from Lake Garfield lived Professor Max Vonladenberg, a man from Germany, with an excellent education, but he loved his fire water. He taught school at Taft College. As the

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story goes, Max was in love with a girl in Germany and his folks did not want him to marry, so they sent him to America for two years. On his arrival back home, the brother met the boat at the dock, would not let him get off and sent him back to America. He had very few friends in this country, could not see a thing without glasses, lived alone and was cared for at his last by Julius D. Miner. He is buried in Corashire Cemetery here in Monterey. The place was sold to a Mrs. Moen who lost a boy, Raymond Moen, in World War ll. Mrs. Moen, a widow for the second time, married Hadley K. Simons a carpenter by trade. Mrs. Simons died, and Hadley married Mrs. Elizabeth Bender, and they live at their homestead.

At the top of the hill a beauty parlor has been built by Irene Kenney, who conducts a first class beauty establishment.

At the top of Smith Hill, lived Mr. Herbert Bouton Smith and wife Mary Etta Servise with their three boys and one girl. Herbert and his family came to live in Monterey in the late 1890's at the old farm called the W. Coons farm. This farm was given to the Smiths by some of his classmates who were with him in Princeton College. During his hazing into his class of 1879, Herbert, although a very smart man, had his mind affected by the abusive hazing conditions. Two of his classmates that I recall were McCormick and President Wilson. Herbert worked hard to make a living and to give his children an education. Herbert Jr., the oldest son, married a girl who lived in Hartsville by the name of Miss Moor. Herbert Sr. had three sons. Herbert Jr. took a caretaker's job in Lenox as a boss farmer and one night the barn caught fire. Herbert went into let the stock out and he was burned in the barn, one of the many hardships that the Smiths endured. Herbert Sr. lost a second son, Preston, who had fallen off a horse while cultivating the garden.

A daughter named Elenore died at home with T.B. The next son was Arthur who went to school at the old center schoolhouse until it closed for the lack of children. Arthur went to high school in Gt. Barrington and on to college at Princeton. He married Lucie Plumb, a minister's daughter from Conn. Arthur was a lawyer, went to Washington D.C. and worked for the Government in the department of Old Age Assistance. On retirement he came back to the farm, building a new parsonage for the church at the east end of the village in remembrance of his father and mother. Herbert ran a small farm. At one time he gathered cream from





CHAFEL OF OUR LADY OF THE HILLS, BUILT BY ARTHUR SCHERS FOR FATHER HUGHES. DEDICATED IN JULY 1930 by THE BISHOP OF SFRINGFIELD DICCESE.



the farmers in the vicinity of Elue Hill and Hartsville bringing the cream back to the B.H.C. This was a job which took about six hours every other day the year around. At the church he was one of the deacons for years. His family pew was the second from the front in the right hand center aisle, right back of Deacon John Hyde. Herbert's wife was the organist and led the church choir in all gatherings.

The Smiths took in summer boarders and the place was called "The Maples". A view of Lake Garfield, one of the loveliest views in Town, can be seen from a large porch that is attached to the house.

Beyond the H.B. Smith boarding house, to the right side, lived Mr. and William Bump in a farm house where they cared for summer boarders. One day in summer came to town a young man, arriving by the stage, took abode at Ledgehurst, run by W.S. Bidwell who was then one of the deputy Sheriffs of Berkshire County. In the evening, strolling around town, he came into the library and made himself known to Miss Della Tryon who was librarian at that time. During their conversation he said he had come to town looking for his wife, who according to him, was staying at Bumps' boarding house, with another man. On Sunday morning about eleven o'clock word came to the village that a woman had been shot on the lawn of Bumps boarding house and the man who had done the shooting had run into the woods and Sheriff Bidwell had called for volunteers to help capture the man. In a few hours he came back to the house and gave himself up. He was tried in court and given a sentence of several years. During his stay in prison he sent a letter to the librarian, thanking her for her assistance in locating his wife. As time went on another man came to town with two boys and stayed at Willow Glenn. This was the Rev. J.W. Hughes, a priest from Mount Vernon, New York., who came for a vacation from his parish at Mount Vernon. In 1928 Arthur Somers became interested in forming a parish and in 1929 started to build a little chapel on land of Father Hughes. The chapel was finished in 1930 and in July of that year it was dedicated by the Bishop of Springfield Diocese as "Our Lady of the Hills". Father Hughes said Mass on Sunday through the summer months and then it was closed till the next year. After Father Hughes passed on, the priest from Sheffield took over and has Mass only in the summer months. The house that Father Hughes bought has changed hands several times and at present it is owned by Stanley Zilka who owns Hillside Restaurant in Hartsville. Mass.



Across the road from the Bumps was Henry Woods' home where Henry and his wife ran a small farm and took in boarders in the summer time. After the Woods passed on, the farm was sold to Henry Lankenau who, in a short while, sold the place to a Vanderhove. Vanderhove's wife "Peggy" had been a chorus girl in the Zielfeld Follies in New York. At one time Mr. Vanderhove would go back and forth to New York on business and Peggy would stay on the farm alone. After Peggy's death, the place was sold to Arthur S. Somers, the grandson of Arthur Somers who built Somers' Mansion on the Otis Road, on land, known as Pine Grove, owned by Henry Fargo. Arthur and his wife have one girl who was married last year and had a large reception at the farm.

Across the road is the little house built by Earl Loom. Selling his farm to George Helmrich, Earl built a two room cottage with a garage in the basement. After his death the place was sold to Arthur Hebert who did some enlarging and then sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brosseau.

Down the hill and at the brook lives Irving Halstead, wife Louise, and daughter Winde. Irving is a Director at the Mt. Vernon School in N.Y. State. They bought this cottage, originally built for a chicken house and duck pen, from the Lankenaus. At the side of the cottage runs the Loom brook on which Mr. Lankenau built a dam. In this pond he had two lovely white swans and many ducks, swimming most all the year. At the side of the road is a large swimming pool which is very cold for it is fed by a mountain brook.

Across the road in an old farmhouse lived Mrs. Contessa, with three daughters, Emma, Clem and Marie. After the mother's death the daughters bought a parcel of land west of the village and had R.S. Bidwell, who was a carpenter living here in Monterey, build a small story and a half house which is known now as "Sun Inside". This house passed from the Contessas to Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Ferguson who came here from New York to make it their home. Harry was head Selectman in 1947 and took charge of Monterey's 100th Anniversary. Monterey is the youngest town in the Commonwealth. Mr. Ferguson passed away first, and Mrs. Ferguson sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome, who have one son, Claude. They run a guesthouse and restaurant serving French cuisine.

The old Isaac Loom farm is next. Here George Helmrich and his wife Audrey and son George live. George Sr. bought the farm from Earl Loom, son of Isaac, who had lived there all his life with his aunt, Hulda Loom. Earl had one sister named Amy Loom. Amy taught school in the village schoolhouse for several years. Amy married Arthur Beaujean from South Lee. They had one girl who died at the age of four. Earl never married and lived alone in the cottage that he built on the Loom property until his death.

"The Pines", a boarding house operated by Mr. Henry and Rinie Booth Clapp, was located in the corner of Beartown Mountain and Fairview Road, once called Mud Lane. It was a large two story house built of brick, situated in a cluster of pine trees, a lovely place to spend a two or three month vacation, and many a person did back in the late 1890's. The boarding house business was so good that Henry Clapp had put up a two story building containing sixteen bedroom sleeping quarters in the apple orchard about two hundred feet west of the main office. This office had no conveniences as it does today; no telephone, electric light, nor running water. The chambermaid brought to your door a pitcher of lukewarm water for your sponge bath and sometime later in the day would collect your slop water which you had put into a slop jar in the corner of the room. Kerosene oil lamps were the source of light. The help had to fill, trim wicks, and clean the glass chimmeys everyday, for without a doubt some one had turned the wick too high or left the lamp burning all night. Mr. Clapp had the largest boarding house in town, also the most boarders. Every afternoon about three o'clock, Henry would harness his black horse, hitch the horse to a buckboard wagon and drive to the village, a distance of nearly two miles one way. At the General Store, Henry had a hitching post where he always tied the horse to wait the arrival of the Stagecoach with the mail. Very often he would deliver the mail to the other houses along the road too.

The Uptown Schoolhouse stood on the opposite corner of the road, where the scholars of that district went to school. At one time a young girl, Miss Jennie Malady, from Gt. Barrington, taught school there, and boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Clapp. Jennie got so attached to the Clapp family that she never went home to live. She stayed with the two elderly people until they died. Henry died first, leaving a widow and a spinster lady on top of the hill. In Hartsville about three miles from the Pines



boarding house lived a widower who had a fine horse and carriage and on Sunday he would drive up the back road to call on the widow or the spinster lady. It was not soon after Mrs. Clapp's death that we found out on whom Mr. Bert Whitney was calling. Jennie Malady became Mrs. Whitney and the Clapp farm and boarding house were sold to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lankenau. They tore down some buildings and built a new barn as well as making many repairs. Mr. Lankenau had a hired man the year around; Mr. Sverre Grinde, who had married a Gt. Barrington girl and lived over the stables for many years, raising a girl and boy. Mr. Grinde, leaving the Lankenaus, went to caretake for Mr. Eugene Ormandy on Wellman Road. The son of Henry Lankenau, Richard and wife Clara, spend their summers here in Monterey at the farm and go to Florida for the winter. Richard and Clara celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Berkshires this summer. Richard has one brother Hi and a sister Helen. Both are married and have children.

I told where the Schoolhouse was. The house was sold to Henry Lankenau by the Town of Monterey. Henry made it into a cottage for his son Hi and wife Elsie. Lankenau later sold it to lawyer Donelan, the present owner.

On the Beartown Mountain Road after passing the old center Cemetery we find on the left the old McManus place, well painted and restored by Mr. and Mrs. Cambern, who had purchased the land and the building from the last survivor of the McManus family who was working for Miss Stetson, who had built a new house on the Fairview Road. The McManus house was very dilapidated when Robert Hardisty took it over from William McManus in 1934 for a hunting lodge. It was called "Shiver and Shake", but with a few boards and several rolls of Tar paper, it was made to accomodate twenty hunters for the deer season from the first Monday of December for two weeks. Rules were made by the boys such as no drinking in the daytime and all guns were to be unloaded before entering the house, at night. After supper had been served by the cook, John Hartnet, the boys would play cards and roll a few dice. I am told at the end of two weeks of hunting there hung in the barn twenty two deer. Since there were only twenty hunters, one of the boys had to come to the village and find two more men to claim the deer. One of the men they brought band was the owner of the house and land who had never hunted in his life or shot a gun.

Mr. Cambern was the inventor of the Philip Screw, and had built



a machine shop about one half mile beyond his dwelling. Later he converted the machine shop in to a cottage where Mrs. Cambern and her mother spend their summers. Mr. Cambern passed away in 1969. The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Seigerman.

Farther up the road lived the family of Pearson. It has been said that they had so many children they never missed one till the water began to taste. There was a deep well in front of the house where the Pearsons got their drinking water. One of the children fell into the well and was drowned. This is how stories start. Later the farm was bought by the State and is now known as part of "Beartown State Forest."



Running north from Beartown Mountain Road is a road caled the Leary Road where Dan Leary and his family lived. This famm was bought by Raymond Ensign, a teacher from Prat Institute, the man who founded the Berkshire Summer School of Art. Raymond spld the timber which was cut and marketed. A Miss Margery Swett came to town and bought the house and a small piece of land, where she lived alone, wrote pomems which were published in a magazine unrer the pen name Miss Margery Mansfield. Some time later a Mr. Jay Van-Everen came to see the Berkshires, a man very clever with his paint and brus and in due time Miss. Margery became Mrs . Van-Everen. They owned no conveyance and Jay would walk to town and carry his groceries home on his back. Sometimes Mr. Miner who ran the stire, if not busy would drive him bach home a distance of about two miles. Jay was taken sick and died, leaving Margery alone again. Another middle aged man came in ftom California and stayed with Margery for a while and in due time she married Kelly Janes . They still five on the old Dan Leary Farm.

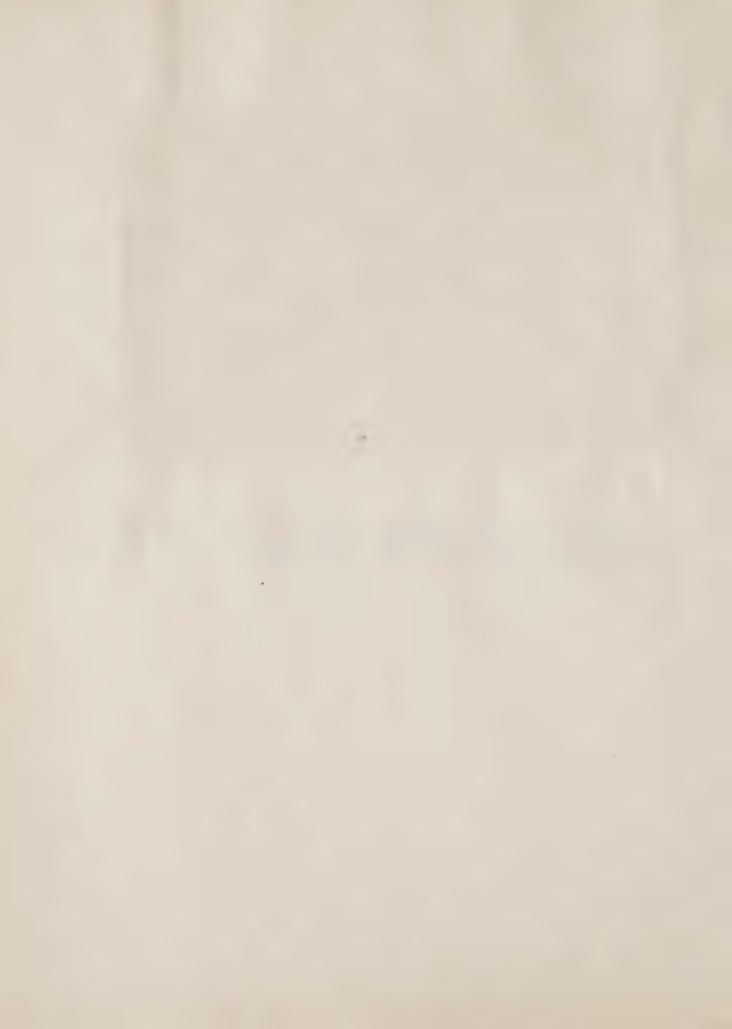
A short distance this side of the house, a Town Pound had been build consisting of large Stone Compound, where strayed stock would be kept until the owner came and paid their bail. A Pound keeper had charge of the Pound, and the town would appoint each year several field drivers to corral the strayed stock and put them in the Pound

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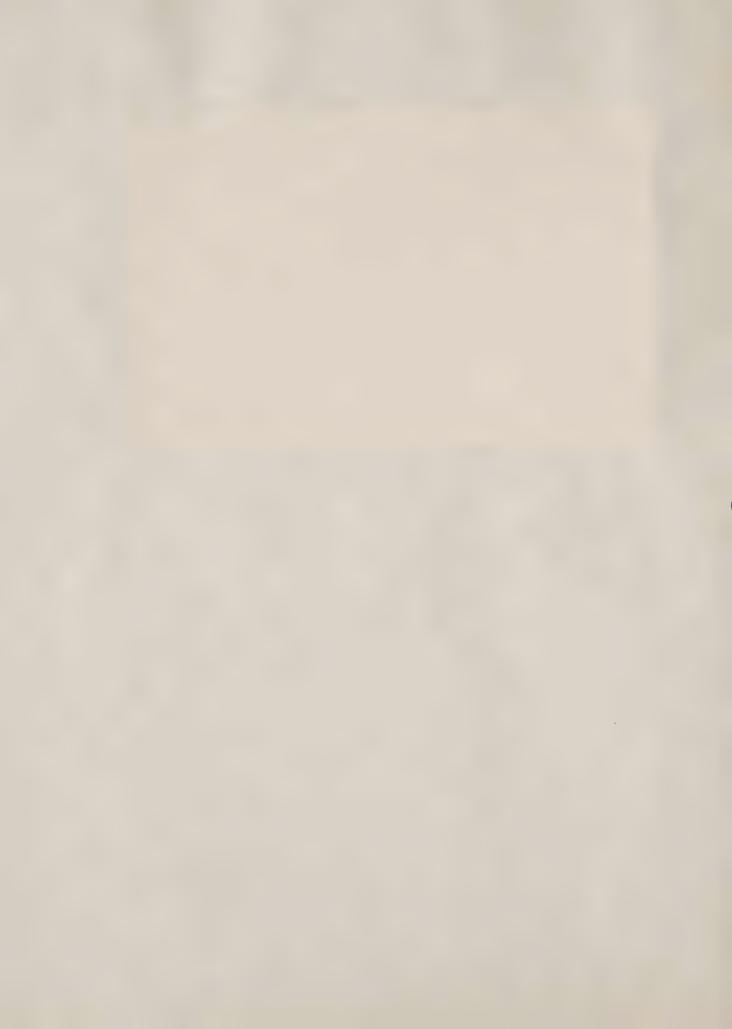


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The first place is the Seymour Carrington farm, which was farmed by Mr. and Mrs. Carrington and their three boys, Robert, Edward, and Frank. Many maple products were made on the farm in the spring as well as dairy products the year around. The second boy, Robert, never married. Edward married Mary Ward, a girl who lived in Hartsville. Ed worked with the Whitney Brothers doing carpentry after leaving the farm. Later he and his wife bought a farm in North Otis on Rte. 8 where he worked and retired. After the death of Mrs. Carrington, the farm was sold to Raymond D. Ensign, and the Carringtons moved to Lee to operate a farm on the Tyringham Road. Frank married Cora Stoddard and brought his wife to live and do the house work on the farm. Mr. Ensign sold the farm to Mr. and Mrs. Gottsberger who used the farm as a summer home for several years. Later they sold to Rev. Conn who sold to David W. Brush. Mr. Brush has done extensive restoring of the old house, and this place is a show place for Monterey as well as an historical Homestead.

Farther east on the Carrington Road is where Tim Curtin and his family lived. Mr. and Mrs. Curtin had one son John and two daughters, Katherine and Alice. The Curtins sold the farm to Barney Merman. Barney was a Jewish butcher who peddled his meat in the surrounding towns. Barney sold the farm to Ensign and Watson; then bought a place in Corashire, moving his family and business to a more central location. Back of the large barn on top of the hill, over looking Lake Garfield is where the Berkshire Summer School of Art was born. The Whitney Brothers of Hartsville took the contract to build all the buildings. One large building consisted of kitchen, dining room, study hall. On the second floor over the dining hall; at the west end was an office. Houses were built for the faculty overlooking Lake Garfield in the distance. On the commons about fifty bungalows, called the "Whitney Bungalows", were built. The bungalows were made to be put up in sections, taken down in the fall and stored in the dining room for winter, waiting to be put to use the next year. When the school was running at full capacity, it accomodated about one hundred and fifty students, who came from all parts of the States. The school was open for only eight weeks a year, starting on July first. All subjects of Art were taught and many noted teachers came to lecture to different classes. The school ran for many years and then was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Craven who now operate it as a summer camp, called "Meadow Lark", This camp has children of many nationalities and they are taught the American way of life.

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CARRINGTON ROAD

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ART SCHOOL ROAD

New houses are being built on this road, once called the Carrington Road but renamed Art School Road. Robert Hatch has built himself a cottage on a piece of the Pearson property, and across the road in the meadow a large house was built by William Burhans, who came from some place near Hudson, N.Y. At the foot of the hill a large house was built by Henry Phelps later sold to Allen R. Steinberg, the present owner.



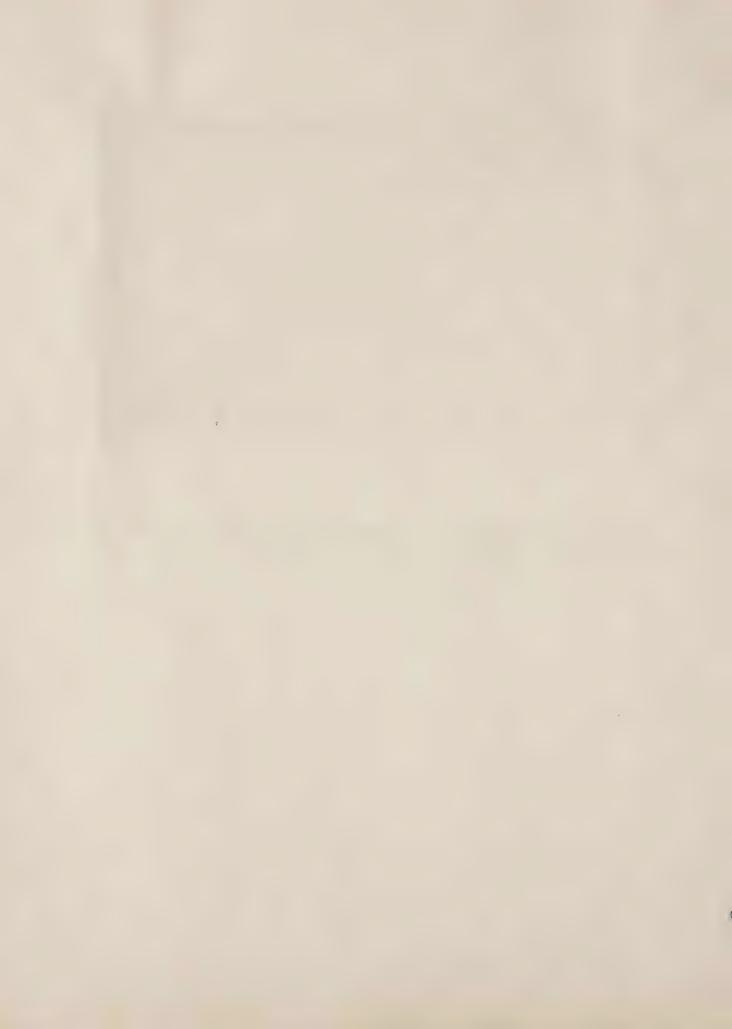


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BET YOU don't know where the curious rock formation shown below stands. Well, it's in Monterey and if you study it a bit you'll realize why it is called Elephant Rock. Get it? We confess that we'd never heard of it until we spotted the picture in "Old Paths and Legends of the New England Border" published by G.P. Putnam's Sons of New York in 1907. The only information about it was in the cutline. It said, "Elephant Rock, Monterey, Lake Garfield in the background. The sandstone shows the effect of frost and storm. The fisherman's grain sack is full of fish.'

By diligent sleuthing among residents of Monterey, we learned the following: Elephant Rock still stands, but the open meadow in the photo now is overgrown with underbrush and trees. However, it still may be seen from the road, and may be reached this way: Take the Tyringham Road from Monterey, travel to the four corners and take Hupi Road, turning right past the children's camp on the left. The road narrows, the banks get higher, and pretty soon there's a good view of Elephant Rock to the right about 20 feet off the road, which we understand is known as Elephant Rock Road.

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There's more. We learned that there's an Elephant Rock Society in Monterey, formed around 1930 by summer people, most of whom were associated with Oberlin College. Mrs. E.P. Davis, now a retired teacher, was among them. The purpose of the society was to ease the rather primitive conditions that prevailed in the summer colony. Thanks to their efelectricity, ' modern plumbing, better roads and the like were achieved. Today there are 14 members of the society. Dr. Robert Brown of Oberlin was instrumental in forming the Elephant Rock Society, and in bringing others there as summer residents.

Originally, the property was purchased from the Indians by the Dowd family for, it is said, seven beaver hats. The Indians didn't call it Elephant Rock because they'd never heard of elephants, for pity sakes! A few years ago Mrs. Harvey Bogart bought it from the Dowd descendants, and last year Richard Roth of New York purchased it from her. Mr. Roth has a home nearby on Lake Garfield, and has been buying odd pieces of property in the region to protect its picturesque beauty.

RICHARD V. HAPPEI.



HUPI ROAD

once called Dowd Road

Hupi Road runs from the Beartown Mountain Road east to Rt. 23 at the eastern part of town. When turning right, at the four corners at the top of what was called Scott Hill we see a road called the Homer Dowd Road. The first farm was owned by Homer Dowd family. The first drive that leads to the lake was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. Here they built a large building, several bunk houses, which became known as Camp Owasa. This camp had girls only. The large building burned down one night, after the caretaker, John Benson, had been there that afternoon and made inspections. The fire was in early spring for the ice house was full of ice and covered with sawdust. Mr. Oliver sold the camp site to Mr. and Mrs. Jayson. The Jaysons enlarged the camp, made one section for girls and one for boys. The girls had bunk houses holding about eight girls and one counselor in each building. The boys slept in tents with board floors. The whole camp ate together in one mess hall but played on their own grounds and swam at their own beach. About two hundred children were here for two months in July and August. The camp went under the name of Jayson Camp Inc. Camp Owasa for girls; Camp Monterey for boys. The Jaysons gave up running the camp and it is still idle at the present.

As we come to Homer Dowd's house and barn we find them kept in very fine shape. The two places had been bought by Nellie Bogart, who came here from New York. Nellie tried to develop the lake shore lots by selling them to people to build on. Some cottages have been built there by Jim Wilson, Dr. Alfred Emmel, Mildred Sitz, Mrs. Lindsey, J. William Thorp, Harvey Bogart, George Breed, and Dr. Brown. Dr. Nathan Ives bought from Nellie Bogart some of the lake shore, two houses and a barn and built a camp for his daughter Eleanor. It was called Fernway Camp. It housed all young girls who wore white blouses and green bloomers, with a white sailors cap. Eleanor would bring to the village church on Sunday morning about forty five camp children, with their councilors. At the east side of the church, pews were reserved for them. For two months our church was filled to capacity and many times the gallery would be filled too. Dr. Ives sold the camp to Henry Langar and his wife. Henry ran camp "Half Moon" for boys at Lake Buel. Mrs. Langar took care of the girls at Camp Fernway. Later this camp was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Winters, still catering to young girls, but changing the name to "Camp Glenmere". Paul has taken much interest in the Town, and

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gave a dinner to the officers and their wives in 1972. When Dr. Ives ran the camp in 1925 he had William Herre as caretaker, who lived with his family in the Homer Dowd house. Herre had four children. Mrs. Oliver. who owned Camp Owasa, had some children visiting her at the lake. She asked the Herre children to come over and play with their children. They did, and the Herre boy named Frederick got into a boat, with no oars, nor tied to shore. The boat started to drift up the lake, with the nine year old Herre boy aboard, with nothing to guide the boat. Some of the children told Mr. Oliver what had happened and he took the three children home and told Mr. Herre. They went down to the lake and found the boat. but no boy. For seven days they dragged, used dynamite, with no results. The Selectmen of town ordered one hundred three point Cod Fish hooks, which were braided to a one foot pig tail and then braided into a one half inch, one hundred foot rope, one foot apart with a three quarter inch iron pipe, four inches long every three feet, the entire length of the one hundred foot rope. The second time the grapple was passed up the lake a hook was caught in the boy's sweater. Frederick was pulled to the top of the water and taken into a boat. The body was found about two hundred feet from shore. Frederick had a very large funeral and was buried in Corashire Cemetery. The Herre family, leaving town, bought a farm in Alford. William started raising turkeys.

The next wooded property was the Hyland Dowd estate. A lot on the shore was sold to Dr. Robert Brown and his wife Mable. The Browns came from Oberlin, Ohio, to spend their summers on the shores of Lake Garfield. One summer Dr. Brown came with two boys, clearing a piece of wooded land, building a log cabin. This is one of the first cottages to be built on the North shore of Garfield. Dr. and Mrs. Brown had two children. The boy became a doctor and the girl married, but came to spend some of her vacation with her parents.

Along the road you will pass several cottages built by people from Norwalk, Conn. The last cottage is built where a house called Hupi Cottage once stood. It was owned by C.L. Bunce and sold to friends of Dr. Elsing. The house burned down and was never rebuilt. This is where Hupi Road got its name; being changed from the Homer Dowd Road.

The Griswold and the Hale houses were located on the cross road from Hupi Road to the Art School Road. There were nothing but cellar holes and lilac bushes ever since I can remember. I do known there was a young man around called Crooper Griswold and a lame girl named Nellie Griswold who lived in the Garfield house at Morses Corners.

The one half mile square of land was bought by Mrs. Hecht; then sold to John Pearson. This acreage was bounded by the Tyringham Road, Art School Road, Hupi Cross Road and the Hupi Road. There was one house located on the Hupi Road called the Grey house which Mrs. Elinore Gillcrist bought. With her own hands she built a fireplace with new chimmey, laid new floors, and painted the house. The owners of this house now are the Melvin D. Krafts.

. . . Mt. Hunger Road runs from, Morses Corners, on the Tyringham Road, known now as Pearsons Corner, running easterly along the ridge of Mount Hunger mountain, to the Otis Road now called, Knox Trail or Rt. 23, about two thousand feet from the West Otis Town line. At the tend is the house known as the Garfield Farm, now owned by Arthur J. Bronstein.

Many families have lived here since I can remember. One was a Griswold family whose daughter ran away with a Calking's man who was married and had three children. Judge Brennard was the next owner; then Ruby Nuby with her two daughtrs; then Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darling who sold to the Bronsteins, the present owners.

Traveling east, we find the next house is where the John Martin family had lived. Then Judge Brennard bought the house, while living at the old Garfield farm. He gave the house to Emil Westberg who took it down and carted it to a building lot on the Beartown Mt. Road; building himself a home for his wife and two children. On an old map this road was called The Boston Post Road. When Ensign and Watson operated the Berkshire Summer School they had signs made and posted on the road.

Farther along Mt. Hunger Road lived a maiden lady, a Miss Anna McNutt, for the summer months only. On the map this house is known as the Joseph Brewer homestead sold to Benjamin Brayman. And on June 23, 1875 it was sold to Sarah Brayman and Sarah sold to Charles McNutt on October 8, 1904. Charles transferred the farm to his sister Annie McNutt June 29, 1932. On April 18,1936 Annie J. McNutt transferred the place and all its contents to Helmi K. Oswald. Mrs. Oswald tells the story this way.

"In the summer of 1933 Helmi Oswald was going back to Finland to call on her family and Mr. Kalman Oswald, her husband, who was an artist and a watch repairman for Bulova Watch Co. was to spend his summer vacation in the city. Mrs. Shelef, a dear friend of Miss Annie McNutt knew that Annie was looking for company at her summer home in Monterey and she suggested that Kalman Oswald might like to come to the country to do some sketching, having sketched most all the trees in Central Park of New York City. The deal was on, and Kalman made the trip to "Blue Berry Hill" on Mt. Hunger Mountain. He had a lovely summer in the Berkshire Hills, making many friends and doing some teaching too.



Kalman and his wife Helmie have come back every summer from then on."

The Oswalds have moved from the city to a home in the village of Monterey, owned by Noel Mahn. As of today, Kalman Oswald at the age of 86 paints about two hours every morning.

Going east on Mt. Hunger Road you come to a development called Norwalk Aces where several summer houses have been built by a group of people from Norwalk, Conn. Across the road and about four hundred feet in the woods is a well kept cemetery, a large stone wall enclosed the burial plots. This cemetery is called the Mt. Hunger Cemetery. Farther down the road on the right stood the Old Red Schoolhouse. The building has been gone for years and the foundation stones have been put to other use. This district was called Mt. Hunger District, but at one time the districts all had numbers instead of names. There were nine schools in town at one time; as follows—

Mt. Hunger Polly Wog
Old Center Corashire
Morse Center
Stone School House Big Boulder

Harmon

Across the road from the Mt. Hunger schoolhouse was the farm of R. Pomeray where lived Henry Rogers and his family. Henry Rogers married Jennie Dowd and they had four children, Mable, Ernest, Ora, and Erwin. Mable Rogers married Fred Church who lived in Winsted, Conn. They had four children, Roy, Floyd, Mildred, and Courtney. The oldest son, Ernest Rogers, left Monterey and went to work for his uncle Sherwood Rogers who manufactured axes in New Hartford, Conn. Ernest married and had two son, Donald and Norman. The younger daughter, Ora Rogers married Dr. Roland Tiffany who had one daughter by his first wife, Pearl Tiffany, and they lived in Windsor, Conn. Roland died and Ora married William Bruning. William had a cottage on the main road to Otis when Ora married him. William died and Ora sold the cottage to Bjorn Jenssen. Ora took an apartment at A. W. Tryon's then went to Berkshire Nursing Home; to an apartment in Sheffield; to an apartment at the Miller Hotel, Gt. Barrington, then to New Boston Nursing Home for several years. She died March 23, 1972. The funeral was at Stevens Funeral home on Palm Sunday, March 27; with burial in the spring at Corashire Cemetery, Monterey.



The youngest son, Erwin Rogers, was in W.W. I. After his return he went to Illinois and married out there. He died there, his body being shipped back to Corashire Cemetery in Monterey for burial.

The following is an account of Jennie Dowd Rogers which appeared in the Berkshire Courier in August 1943:
Editor Berkshire Courier:

There was a birthday on Saturday, August 28, at the Rogers place on Mount Hunger in Monterey. Its owner, Mrs. Jennie Rogers celebrated her 82nd birthday. Inasmuch as I saw a letter of hers published this spring in the Berkshire Courier, I thought it would interest the readers to know what a remarkable woman Mrs. Rogers is. Notwithstanding her high age. Mrs. Rogers has an unusually keen mind and a good memory.

Jennie Dowd was born on August 28, 1861, in Monterey the daughter of Eunice Fairfield and Hylon Dowd. She was born in a house built by her father and occupied at present by Mr. Scherrer. Her grandfather owned a considerable amount of land around Brewer's Pond as the Lake Garfield was then called. He built Stepping Stones, which now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Langer of Fernway Camp. Mrs. Rogers tells the story of Cornelius Dowd, who came to the Berkshires in 1730 and who bought 600 acres of land from the Indians for six felt hats! The Dowd family spread all over the county until there was at one time over 30 families by that name living around Monterey.

Jennie Dowd was a clever young girl. At the age of 15, or in 1876, she taught at the Mount Hunger School. She had passed an examination for teachers and came out second best. Her pay at this school was three dollars per week, out of which amount she had to pay one dollar and a half for board for four days to a Mrs. Pomeroy, who lived in the house which Mrs. Rogers now occupies. After teaching one term in this school she went back to a select school run by Elihu Harmon in Monterey village. This school was like a seminary for teachers. The pupils had to furnish their own desk and chair besides paying tuition and furnishing their own books.

After attending the select school, Mrs. Rogers taught one and a half years at the Old Center School in Monterey. In 1879 she came back to her little schoolhouse on Mount Hunger road for another term. This time she boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Bunce who lived on Hupi Road. The

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young teacher had to walk the distance through fields and meadows past a small grave-yard where reposed the early settlers of Dowd and Thompson families. She still recalls many a stormy night when she walked through the slush from school back to her boarding house. Once in a heavy snow-storm even the horses could not pull the sleigh through the high drifts.

At the age of 18, Jennie Dowd taught a large school in North Blandford. Many of her students were even older than she was. In 1882 she married Henry Rogers who lived up at the Twing place on Mt. Hunger road. The family moved in 1893 to the old homestead where she has lived ever since. Those were busy days for the Rogers family. At times they had 15 cows, four horses, 50 sheep, some chickens and pigs. During the summer months two hired men were kept busy. Mrs. Rogers attended to her own work and raised a family of four children. But her work was not limited only to the needs of her own family. Quite frequently she was called out on errands of mercy.

Many a winter night sleigh-bells could be heard coming up the hill and a sleigh stopped outside her house. She was needed in the care of some sick person. One bitter cold night in January she went with a Russian man down the slippery hill in his sleigh to help the man's wife in childbirth. The wind had piled the snow deep on the road and the man drove his horse off the road, capsizing his sleigh. Mrs. Rogers tried to help him to get the sleigh back to the road, but had to leave him there on the road and ran down the hill to his house. There the woman was moaning in semi-darkness. The place looked utterly povertystricken. There was no scissors, no thread, not a thing to put on the new-born infant, a lusty boy. Mrs. Rogers had to wrap the child in a blanket and trust that all went well with the mother. It was morning when she returned to her home and began her day's work without rest. However, the next Thanksgiving her Russian again appeared on the scene. This time he was bringing a nice fat turkey. He had not forgotten the kind deed. Many years later the young man whom she had helped bring into this world, came to Mrs. Rogers to get aid in obtaining a birth certificate which he needed for obtaining work in a factory.

Another time there was a loud knock at her door and a whimpering man with a fish bone stuck in his throat came for help. She had to send him to the doctor's in Great Barrington, where the fish bone was finally removed.

Thus Mrs. Rogers spent much of her time in helping her neighbors. She lived all year round in her mountain home until the death of her husband in 1933. After that she has spent her winters in Windsor, Conn., with her daughter, Mrs. Roland Tiffany. But she loves her old home and returns there for the summers. On bright sunny days one can see her sitting in front of the house working on her beautiful braided rugs.

Such is the full and rich life of Mrs. Jennie Rogers. She can look back at the busy days of her youth and feel a deep inner satisfaction from work well done. May she long enjoy her lovely old home among kin and friends.

Helmi K. Oswald Monterey, Mass. August 29, 1943



A half mile from the Great Barrington and Monterey town line on Route 23 is Brett Road. This runs northerly from Route 23, crossing Blue Hill Road and Beartown Mountain Road, a distance of about three miles.

The first farm belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Brett, the parents of Rufus Brett, a life-long resident of Monterey. Rufus Brett was born on this farm, and went to school in the Old Stone School House which stood on the right side of Blue Hill Road about five hundred feet from the four corners. Rufus worked the farm for six days a week but on the seventh would drive his family to church in Hartsville.

There was a lovely New England white church standing in the corner of New Marlboro Road and the crossroad to Mill River. The church was made over into a recreation hall and is now owned by the Umpachene Grange. For some time Mark Whitney and his wife, Mary Tryon Whitney, ran dances there, having the well known old time fiddler Sammy Spring, from Otis doing the square dance calling. You could hear "Sweat and Swing with Sammy Spring" every Friday night. Some years later "Pop" Smith from Winstead, Conn. was the man on the bull fiddle doing the calling.

Rufus Brett and his wife had two sons, William and George.

During World War 1, William was in service with the Ambulance Corps which was made up of men from Berkshire County. Monterey had three man represented in the Corps, William Brett, Joe Johnson and Delmor Tryon. After the war William came home and got married. He stayed on the farm with his father. William had one son, Donald, who lives in Florida. George, the second son of Rufus, married Frances Langdon, a school teacher from Otis. They bought the Deacon Dowd farm and worked it until his retirement when they sold it to Dr. Rochfield. They reserved a parcel of land on which they built a small cottage where they still live.

The Bretts have one girl who is married to Robert Gay. They have two children. George was a Selectman of Town for many years as his father was before him.

As we travel noth, the next place we find is the Al. Winter's farm, known to us now as the State Forest Headquarters. Here is where the forester lives and looks after the State Forest land in Monterey, Otis, and Sandisfield. Ernest Westberg, who lives in the village of Monterey, looks after the campers and swimmers who come to Benedict Pond on Blue Hill and York Lake in Sandisfield.



The next place on the right is the J.W. Blake farm where the William Hart family lived. William and Maria Hart, who bought this place from J.W. Blake, had five children, Frank, Noel, Clarence, Gertrude and Ada. Frank married Cora Johnson and had no children. Noel married Hattie Spencer and had twin girls, Ethel and Eleanor. Ethel married Kenneth Warner. Eleanor married Claude Kimberley. Clarence Hart married Ida Wade and had five children; Ralph, Adeline, Louise, Clifford and Harold. Ralph married a Woodbeck. They live in Sheffield, Mass.

Adeline married George Bynack and had one son, Paul Bynack.
Paul married Vivian Reed and they have six children; Suzie, Michael,
James, William, Wendy and Nancy.

Gertrude Hart married James Twing and they have four children.

Neither Frank nor Robert Twing married. Ruth Twing married Marshel

Miller for her first husband and Dana Wells for her second husband.

Helen Twing married Adolph Stralough. Ada Hart married Charles Twing,

a cousin of James Twing. They live in Sheffield.

When I was a child I remember that William Hart drove a pair of horses hitched to a large covered wagon having small swinging doors on both sides. It had a railing around the top about twelve inches high. At the back was a large rack where he carried old rags. Inside the doors was tin ware, stacked neatly on shelves, which he would sell or trade for old rags. The rags would be weighed, put in large bags and stored on top of the wagon or on the rack in back. William would leave his farm and stop at all the houses along the way to sell his merchandise. He would cover all the towns in this area, being gone for several days at a time.

Noel Hart bought the Cachetaille Farm on Blue Hill Road and farmed it all his life. Finally he sold his place and went to live with his daughter, Ethel Warner, who had built a house on the site of the old Stone School House, a few rods west of the intersection of Brett Road and Blue Hill Road. Noel was a member of the Monterey Grange and had served as one of their masters. Noel's farm now belongs to Thomas Bradley.

Frank Hart married Cora Johnson. They lived in several places in town. To my knowledge they bought a house on River Road belonging to G. Fullen. Hart sold it to George Cronk who was born in Sandisfield.

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George was a watch repair man and loved to deal in old guns. He sold his place to the Vosburgs. It is now owned by their daughter Leona Chamberlain. George Cronk moved to Lee and he and his wife ran a jewelry store on Main Street until the time of his death.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs William Hart, the estate was sold back to William Blake, a son of J.W. Blake. He lived there and worked the farm. The present owner is Martin J. Mellon.

George and Frances Brett built a new cottage at the foot of the hill in 1964. This old farm was owned by Albert Dowd and his wife who had four children; Nellie Dowd, who married Philando Harmon, they lived on the New Marlboro Road. The latter couple had two sons and one daughter. They were Isaac Harmon, Parker Harmon, and Cammila Harmon, who married Richard Smith from Pittsfield. They now live in Dalton.

Marybell Dowd married John Burke who lived in the village of Monterey.

John was a carpenter. The Burkes had two boys and a girl. Claude

Burke married Grace Kimberley from Sandisfield and had a boy named

Russell. Jessie went to Jersey with his father after his mother died.

The girl, Dora Burke, married Charles Hall, the grandson of Charles

Turner, who owned and ran Turner's Grove at Lake Buel. This is now

Camp Deerwood.

Dora and Charles did not get along too well and Charles got a divorce and married again. Dora did housework and was a countergirl at Tryon's Tea Room in the summer. The third girl, Louise Dowd, married Edward Stoibener but was divorced and married a Lefenwell.

The farm of Dowds changed hands several times. Charles Miner, a caretaker for Mrs. Swan, owned it next. He sold it to Fred Kimberley and his wife, Mame. Fred did a lot of repairing to the buildings and then sold it to George and Frances Brett. The present owner is Dr. Rochfield.

The next farm was owned by Spencer Jones who lived in what is known as the Swan Lodge, as the story was told to me. Mrs. Lelia Swan, who lived in Stockbridge had two sons who loved to hunt. Coming to Monterey, they stopped at said Jones' place to see if they could hunt on this farm land. In those days it was courtesy if a neighbor called or made a visit to offer their guests a glass or two of cider. The two boys called quite often and as the story goes Mrs. Swan decided to



buy the farm as the boys thought so much of the hunting for which they had been going to Monterey four times a week. Mrs. Swan built a new house and several out buildings. Charles Whitney was the first caretaker and then Charles Miner.

Charles had four daughters and to keep the young people happy they used to have kitchen dances at the house quite often. Charles bought the farm next to Swan's which had been the Albert Dowd farm. Charles was a Selectman at this time. He held the office for two years but was beaten for the third term and became provoked and sold the farm to Fred and Mame Kimberley and moved to Sheffield. Mass.

About this time the State took over the property and put in charge a Mr. Parmater, who stayed but a little while when Mr. Stafford took charge and started experimental work with growing trees. Many meadows were set to young trees and as you drive by you can see what has happened in the last forty years.

A grandaughter of Albert Martin Dowd, after reading this mistory told me that Albert Martin Dowd and his wife Lucy Candee Dowd had nine children. CHARLOTTE, CARRIE, NELLIE, RANDALL, MARY, JOHN, LUCY, HARRIET, LIZZIE.



This road was called the Middle Road to Hartsville. It was changed to Fenn Road after Edward Fenn bought the farm from M. Moses. To me, it was where G. Forest lived. Edward Fenn who had owned a large house in the village of Otis, traded his house in Otis for the farm in Monterey owned by Moses. Edward had one son, Sheldon, by his first wife. Edward having lost his wife, married Mrs. Kate Hardisty who had a son named Robert Hardisty. Leaving Otis and moving to Monterey as boss farmer for Winthrop Phelps, he lived in the tenant house at the foot of Cheese Factory Hill, now owned by The Claude Burkes. The transaction took place between Fenn and Moses, and Fenn left Phelps, moving his family to the farm on the so called Middle Road to Hartsville. Sheldon finished college and married Beatrice Terry from Southfield. They came to the farm to live in a small house next to Sheldon's father. Ed and Kate had one daughter named Mary, who married Ernie Dunham for her first husband. Mary and Ermie had one son called Ermie Jr. before they separated. Mary married the second time to Mr. Merit and gave birth to two girls. Mary died in 1971. Edward Fenn died and by arrangement with his wife, Kate, the farm was taken over by his son Seldon and wife Bea. Kate's son by her first husband, Robert Hardisty, married for his first wife Evelyn Stafford, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stafford, who lived at Swan Lodge at Beartown State Forest. Robert and Evelyn were not married long before they separated and Robert married Violet Gilmore from Tyringham. Unable to have children, they adopted a boy whom they named Richard. For many years Robert worked for Mrs. Willets, training horses for show at Madison Square Garden, in New York City. For the last several years Bob has been a caretaker for the Peter Schweitzers, living at the old Upton cottage, located at Stevens Pond.

The farm across the road was owned by Louis Doncaster. Louis married Edna Call and lived there with their son Robert. Louis was an auctioneer by trade and was as good as the best getting the highest price for the article being sold. One day word came to the village that Louis had hanged himself in the old barn across the road. Later on Edna married Elmer Roberts, a young man from Sandisfield who had bought the land and buildings at the intersection of Rte. 23 and Rte. 7 in Gt. Barrington. There Elmer built a gas station and sold



S.O.C.O.N.Y. gas and oil, and did light repairs. Later Elmer Roberts sold the station to his stepson, Robert Doncaster, who is the present owner and operator of the station. Mrs. Edna Doncaster sold her place to Dr. Frederick Brewndentist, who had an office and home in Gt. Barrington. Dr. Brown and his wife Florence had two sons, Peter, the oldest married Joan Harmon and they have three boys, Peter, David, and Steven. Peter lives on the farm with his mother and aunt Mrs. Alice Burnhans, who when her husband had died, came to live with her sister Florence. Peter is a mail carrier in Gt. Barrington. Florence's younger son Robert, went to college and took up engineering. came back to Monterey, and married Miss Maryellen Anglin. A few years later they adopted a child whom they named Douglas. On November 25, 1972, Maryellen gave birth to a girl whom they called Jennifer Mary. Robert worked for the State for a few years; then decided to go into a business of his own, forming the company called "Robert G. Brown Associates", with its headquarters in Lee, Mass. Robert was the engineer who drew the plans for the new lake and dam at Lake Garfield. This required taking land from Smith, Welch, Cobian, Pratt and Schwab; also a cottage owned by Arnold Pratt that stood at the foot of Scot's hill. A new road was built north of the old dam, and swimming grounds and boat landing will be built sometime later.

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Traveling north on the Fenn road we come to Rte. 23 cross road to Blue Hill Road. On this road the first cottage, built by Mildred Holmes, was sold to Rev. John Backman, a minister who spent his vacation here in the Berkshires. When John accepted a larger parish in the middle west, he sold his house to the present owner, Joseph F. Dzaluk. The next house is owned by William Mielke and his wife Catherine. The Mielkes have six children: William E., Frederick C., Patrica K., Kathy L., Charles R. and Paula J. William came here as a teacher for the Mt. Everett Regional School. He has been the Town Moderator for many years. At present William is teaching in Chicopee Public School, at Chicopee, Mass. and drives to school everyday.

The next cottage was bought by Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey, who came from Long Island and bought the Ward place in West Otis. James lived there for several years; sold the farm and moved to Monterey where the two lived until their deaths. The Humphreys had two sons who came to Gt. Barrington to live. Albert is a lawyer, and Roy works in the Gt. Barrington Saving Bank. Settling the estate of their father and mother, they sold the cottage to the Harvey H. Thompsons, who are living there now.

Across the road, enclosed with a wire fence, is the Corashire Cemetery, which is the cemetery used most often. The view from this high mound of earth, looking in any direction is most wonderful. We have four other cemeteries in town, which are well kept. The cemeteries are called Old Center, Woods, Mt. Hunger and Chestnut Hill.

Richard Dyer-Bennett built himself a house in the woods opposite the cemetery and next to a small body of water. Richard is a concert player and singer, playing and singing folk songs. Richard travels in many parts of the world.

The next cottage, built in a cluster of pines, is the home of Raymond Olds and his wife.

After passing the four corners where the State Forest Headquarters are located, you will notice that the trees have been set out in long straight rows. This was the experimental starting of the State Forest. On the right hand side of the road, at the end of this lot, stood the School House built of stone. The stones have been put to other uses. In this lot a cottage has been built by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner. Mrs. Warner is one of the twin daughters of Noel Hart. Mrs. Warner was born on this farm where they built their home, raising

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three children, two boys and one girl.

The next farm was the B. Cachatella farm. In my time it was where Noel Hart and his wife, who was Hattie Spencer, lived. This was one of the fine farms in town. Noel had a nice herd of Jersey cows, making cream and sending same to the Berkshire Hills Creamery to be made into butter. Claude Kimberley, living on a farm in Sandisfield, married Mrs. Warner's twin sister, Elenore, and took her back to Sandisfield to live. Noel's wife died when the girls were quite young and Noel brought up the girls alone. Noel's nephew, Clifford Hart, having lost his father, Clarence Hart, while he was quite young, went to live with Noel and help with the chores. After Noel's retirement he went to live with his daughter, Ethel. Hart's farm chnaged hands several times, the present owner being Thomas Bradley. Thomas raises Morgan horses and works for the State. Continuing up the Blue Hill Road, we come to another farm, run by William Hall. William lived with his father on the Chestnut Hill Road. When William married May Anderson, they went to this farm which was owned by Munson. May and William raised five children, one boy named Roy, became a doctor and had a large practice in the State of Vermont. The other children's names were Edna, Lila, Laura and Alza. Following May's death soon after the last child was born, William hired a housekeeper who had been married and had two girls, Zella and Dorothy Gottschalk. Zella married Harold Benedict, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedict who lived on the farm next to the Halls. It was not long before Mrs. Gottschalk became the wife of William Hall. William had four children by his second marriage, Marie, William, Joseph and Walter. William married Dorothy Stewart and they lived on the farm until it was sold to Mrs. Ann M. Strauss. Dorothy and William bought the house on Rte. 23 where James Stevens lived.

The farm which Mrs. Strauss owns is the Fred Benedict farm owned by Fred and Good Hall Benedict, before they sold it to William Hall, Sr. This was one of the best farms in Monterey located on top of Blue Hill, bordering the town of Gt. Barrington. Benedict pond, now owned by the State, was located on this farm. Here the farmers cut their ice in winter to cool their milk. The cream was gathered and brought to the Berkshire Hill Creamery in the village, to be made into butter.

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Brewer Thomson farm. Fannie Brewer is a direct descendant of Captain
John Brewer, the first white man to build and settle in Monterey. This
is where Brewer Pond got its name. The Thomsons had two boys and one girl.
Henry and Jared and the girl Jennie. Jared married Beulah Hyde, giving
birth to two girls, Marion and Lois. Lois married Tim Bull, a boy from
Riverton, Conn. and they have one boy, Tim, and a girl named Donna, all
now living in Norfork, Conn. Marion Thomson had two boys, Lyman and
Warren. Beulah died when the girls were quite young and Jared brought
them up alone. Both of the girls went to college and have a good education.
Lois taught school for awhile before she married. Marion and her two boys
work the farm.

The farm adjoining Thomson's was the John Palmer farm, which was sold to Mrs. John Reid from Yonkers, N.Y. Mrs. Reid had a daughter, Jean, who built a cottage for a guest house. Later she sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hart who called it "Sugar Hill". The Harts spend their summers here and live in Florida in winter. The Palmers had one girl named Harriet who married Jasper Bills, a blacksmith by trade, and lived in the village. Harriet and Jasper had one girl named Etta, who went to school in the village, but soon after she married Charles Hanlon, a State boy that was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Etta and Charles had two boys, Carl and Ralph. Carl lives in California and Ralph, wife and daughter, Kim, live in West Springfield.

As I said above, Palmer sold this farm to Mrs. John Reid, who had two daughters, Mrs. Holliday and Miss Jean Reid. Jean operated the farm before selling it to Eugene Carroll, the present owner. Mrs. John Reid had a caretaker named Frank Stoddard. A new barn was built by the Whitney Brothers from Hartsville about 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard came from Jersey to run the farm, bringing two girls with them. The elder married Frank Carrington and moved to Lee, on the Tyringham Road, to be a farmer's wife.

Miss Estelle Stoddard gave birth to a boy out of wedlock and named him Archibald Sinclair Stoddard. For years he was made to believe his mother and Aunt Cora were his sisters; his grandfather and grandmother his parents, until he was married and lived in Conn. He came to Monterey to get his birth certificate so he could work. The Town Clerk was Frank Harmon. When they read the record book, they found "mother Estelle"

Stoddard; father Un-known." Frank told me he felt so sad for the boy, only twenty some years old, he hung his head and never said a word. As of today, I don't think his folks know of the incident.

Mrs. John Reid had a colored chauffer who drove for her. His name was Smiley Banks. The last we heard from him he was in a nursing home. Banks was a deputy sheriff of Yonkers, the city from which the Reids came.

At the top of the hill going west is the Melvin Tappin Camp which Melvin uses for a hunting lodge. He comes from Pittsfield.

Dean Amidon and his wife Fran bought the next house, built by Arthur Hebert and sold to them by Art. Amidons have four boys, Paul, Peter, Philip, and Jay. Dean works for the D.P.W. at the State head-quarters on the Pittsfield Road, as chief engineer of that office.

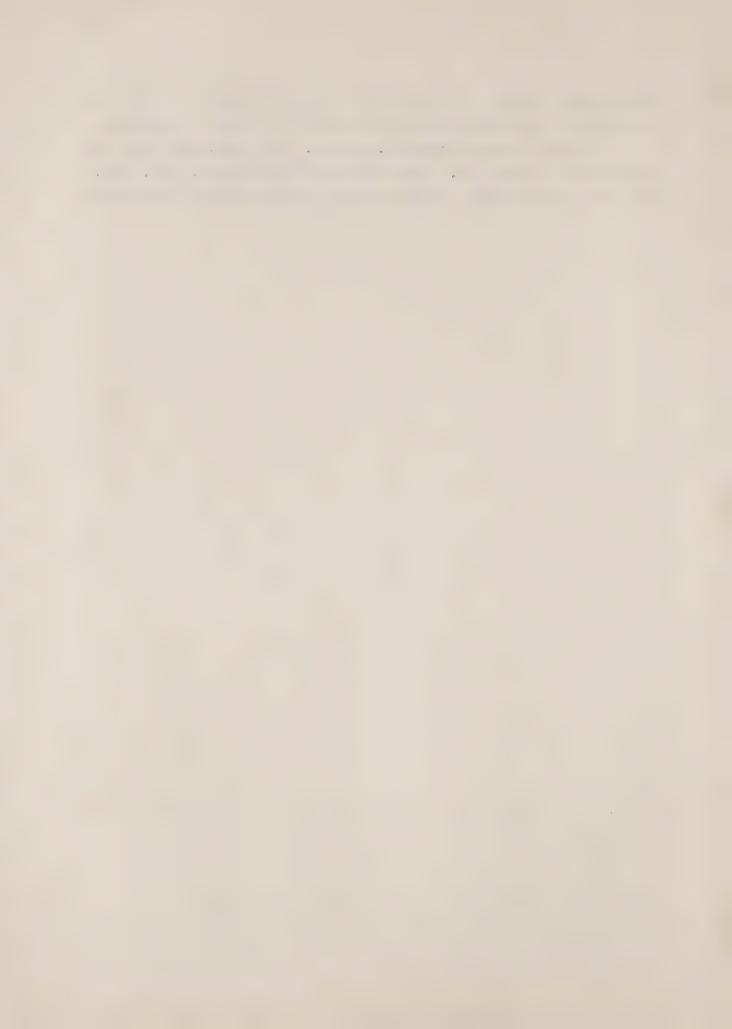
Henry Fuller and wife have a "Stay-In", as they call it, in the woods out of sight of the road. They come now and then for a few days in summer. When the Fullers first came to town, with their two daughters, Margory and Hanna they were boarders at the Bidwell's boarding house, called Ledge Hurst. One day when the ladies of the church were gathered to sew, on Bert Tryon's porch, little Hanna went to every lady and asked "do you thread the needle or needle the thread". Margory built a concrete brick house next to the road, with a few pine trees in front, the house is hidden quite well. Margory comes to stay "Off and On" or "Comes and Goes". The Fullers are from Stamford, Conn.

The next house is Edwin Everit's called "Peel", he built his own house, and married Doris Hebert for his first wife. Doris had one girl by Edwin before they separated. Later he married Ruth Coons Dewecket. Ruth had one girl by Coons. Ruth was in and out of the State Hospital for cancer, in the remaining days of her life. Edwin is staying at the house alone.

Joseph Lanou married Janice Howe, built his house on land which he had bought from Andrew J. Hall. Joe came to town as a helper on a power shovel which was owned by Peckon and Co. in Springfield, Mass. It was not long before Joe was the operator, not the so-called "Grease Monkey". The shovel went from town to town, widening roads and taking off corners. This road work was called Chapter 90 work as well as 81. Joe has worked as a shovel operator in West Stockbridge for several years. The Lanous have three boys and three girls. The oldest boy married a

. • Pearson girl. Jimmie is in the west and Lanie is married and living in the village. The second girl Gale married Robert Heath of Monterey.

The next house is where Mr. and Mrs. Leon Howes, the father and mother of Mrs. Lanou live. They moved here from Florence, Mass. Mrs. Howes does custom baking and helps at the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home.



As we go down the New Marlboro Road we see on the left the Gregory Farm. The Gregorys had five children; Charles, George, Frank, Rose and Minnie. Charles married Bell Gowey, who lived on the hill in the village of Monterey. John married Clara White and built a house in the village next to the Grange Hall, where Harold Green now lives. Minnie Gregory married Andrew Hall, and lived on the New Marlboro Road. Rose Gregory married Frank Harmon, and they lived in several places in Monterey. However, in their last years they came back to the old Gregory farm. Frank ran a meat market at one time near the present site of the Grange Hall. During his later years he worked for the Langdon Store Co. of which Albert Phoenix is the present owner. Frank and Rose Harmon had a girl and boy. Abbie, the oldest, married Frank Campbell who went to Lenox to work as head herdsman on the Gerard Foster estate. Frank and Abbie had one daughter named Marion, who married Harry Hodgkins. Rose Harmon died first and Frank went to live with his son Francis, selling the farm farm to Marjory McLaughlin and Edith Wilson. Francis, finishing school went to work in Turner's Hardware Store in Gt. Barrington and married Gretchen Calkins from Housatonic. Later on Gretchen and Francis bought the Little Store on Bridge St, selling merchandise until their retirement. Gretchen gave birth to a boy and girl, Arlene and Gilbert.

Marjory McLaughlin is an interior decorator and Edith Wilson an artist. Edith designed the Menterey Town Seal, which was adopted by the Town in 1971. At an "open house" interview in 1972, it was decided that this house and several others were open to the public. On the front lawn before going in to the house, Miss McLaughlin told about this house being moved from Old Center to its present location, and at one time being used for a parsonage, when Mrs. Eaton's grandfather, Winthrop Phelps, preached in the little White Church in the village. The next house was built in the meadow for a tenant house.

The farm we come to next belonging to I.K. Hadsell; is large with a saw mill, located on the Konkopot Brook, consisting of planing mill, grist mill, and cidermill. The mill was driven by a water wheel. The last sawyer that ran the mill was my wife's father, William Stedman, from Tyringham. Hadsell sold the farm to Forest May, and May sold to Winthrop Phelps. Winthrop and his two sisters, Fannie and Hattie lived here. Mrs. Beardsley was the mother of Lucie B. Eaton. Lucie and her missband Harry, who was a lawyer from New York, spent their summers

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here with their aunt and uncle, having horses to ride and drive. Joe Johnson was groom at the time. Winthrop ran the farm and hired Edward Fenn from Otis to help him. Edward lived in Phelps tenant house at the foot of Halls Hill where Claude Burke lives. The farm had a herd of cows and the cream was sent to the Berkshire Hills Creamery to be made into butter. Ed did not work long for the Phelps, before he bought a farm for his family on the Middle Road to Hartsville, now called Fenn Road. Claude Burke having married Grace Kimberly from Sandisfield, took over in Ed's place.

Winthrop Phelps died and the place was taken over by Lucie Eaton. Lucie took down the old barn that obstructed her view from the West and built a new one in a different location. A new cottage, which they called the "Ranch House", was built for Joe Johnson and his wife, Josephine. Silver Black Fox was all the rage at this time and Lucie began raising black fox for their pelts. She bought land, called Tryon's Landing, on the lake from Wing and Anderson. This spot is where Albert Tryon kept his boat to go fishing, not with a hook and line, but with a gill net. Leaving the net set over night in the lake, Albert would catch many fish, which he would bring home and put into a large watering trough where fresh water was flowing. When Albert felt like having a fresh fish, it was right in his back yard. Lucie built a large house on the ledge of rocks which had to be blasted from Indian Cave. On the road leading to the house you would pass a cave where the Indians would stay while hunting by the lake. Lucie called her cottage "Indian Cave Lodge". This is where Lucie would entertain her many friends. William Manus was her caretaker at the lodge, driving her car, meeting the train on Friday night at Hillsdale, where they would pick up her husband and week end guests. Harry was a corporation lawyer working in the firm of Phillips and Avery.

In the fall Lucie would close the lodge and move back to the farm with her cook, Lee Davis. Lee who had been with the family all her life, was a dedicated colored woman taking care of the last sickness of Winthrop Phelps, Harriet Beardsley and Fannie Phelps; Ben and Harry Eaton, his brother who came to the farm and spent his last days here. Ben was a sales clerk in Tiffany's Silver Store in New York. Thomas Hanson who was a long friend of the Eatons, with no relatives living, spent much of his time at the farm. His business was building electric launches in Elborn, N.J. where the Eaton family was born. After the death of the Eatons, the house

and land were bought by Charles O'Connor, a lumber man from Westfield.

Later it was given to his daughter, Kathleen Gillis and her husband Tom, who live on the farm with their one daughter. The tenant house was left to the boss farmer Claude Burke and his wife Grace.

Farther up the hill the next house is where Winfield Terrel lived, a cobbler by trade. After his death an auction was held and his equipment was bought by Bert Tryon, which may be seen with the historical collection at Tryon's Tea Room. Frank Harmond and his wife and children lived in the house until he moved back to the Gregory farm. He sold the house to Arcella Hall who had lived all her life at her father's place, the Wallace Hall farm on the road called the Wallace Hall Road. This road runs from Sandisfield Road to the New Marlboro Road. The house is entirely gone but one may find the old cellar hole where the house stood. After Arcella died, a New York man, Nathan Hanes, bought the farm. He had a wife and two children. Nathan Jr. was killed in World War ll, and after Nathan Senior's death his daughter "Martha" came and sold the house to Charles O'Connor who had to do much repairing and then sold it to the present owner, Gerald Housman.

Harold Hart bought from Andrew Hall a small parcel of land and built himself a small cottage where he and his mother, Ida Wade Hart, live. Ida is the widow of Clarence Hart, who died and left his wife with five children. Harold never married, staying at the cottage and making a home for his mother. For several years Harold has worked for the Town. Back ' of Harold Harts home Andrew Halls' farm is located. Andrew J. Hall and Minnie Gregory Hall had three boys, Ernest, Irving, and Harold. Ernest, the oldest, married Annie Cronin, a girl from Gt. Barrington. They became the parents of three children, Harold, Ernest and Margaret. Margaret Married Dwight Ford in Sheffield, who operated a garage, ran a school bus, and was a selectman for many years. Ernest, after the death of his mother, went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wellman at the first farm on Wellman Road. Ernest went to school in the village. After finishing school, he bought a car and one afternoon on the flat road beyond the stone house on Rt. 23, Ernest lost control of his car and ran into a telephone pole and killed himself. Harold lived with his grandfather on the farm, marrying Louise Hart, daughter of Ida and Clarence Hart. Louise gave birth to six children, Clarence, Sally, Ernest, Phyllis, Richard, and Arlene. Harold left Louise and went to Hartford

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where his father, having been married for the second time, lived. Louise went to Vermont with some of her relatives. Irving went to Springfield to work, took a job as motorman for the Springfield Street Railway, working for same until retirement, Irving was married and had one girl. Harold, Andrew's youngest boy, married "Max" Harrison who spent the summers with her uncle, George Francis. Max and Harold had no children, and they were divorced. Both married again. Harold worked for the Springfield Union newspaper until retirement. Ernest bought the two boys' interest in the old farm, and came back to Monterey to live after his retirement, working for a lumber company for many years in Hartford, Conn. Ernest and his second wife and daughter "Maxine" sold vegetables from a large garden. Maxine married Roger Lubreck, bought the Bert Whitney house in Hartsville, adopted two children, and Roger is working for Gilligan Brothers as a carpenter. Ernest sold the farm to William Konigsberg. Ernest and his wife took an apartment at Hebert's Beach on Rt. 57 at Lake Buel. Ernest died in 1970 and his widow went to live with her daughter in Hartsville.

At the top of the hill on a high knoll is where Harvey H. Thompson built a summer cottage for himself and his wife. They came and spent many summers with us; selling the place to a bachelor by the name of Edward . Cheown a great golfer, who was on the Monterey Golf Cource most of the time. After his death the cottage was sold to Ida Moselle. The cottage was set afire by some of our town boys, and when Mr. Hebert had a new cottage well under construction, Mrs. Mosell decided not to come back to Monterey. The cottage was sold to Arthur Hebert the contractor. At the so called Hall's hill is the cottage that Allyn Barrett built, over looking the western hills of Monterey. Allyn was very active in church affairs and worked hard in the field. Having gone to California for a visit with his daughter, he was taken sick and died out there

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pluthner, came to Brook Bend Inn from Mt. Vernon, N.Y., for a vacation. They liked the town very much. Looking around for a place to build, they bought a parcel of land from A.J. Hall. Walter was an architect, designed his cottage, and with the help of R.S. Bidwell and Charles Enoe, built his cottage. Walter loved to play golf, and fooled around with paint and brushes. The cottage was sold to the Philip Buchanans who spend their summers with us.

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Next is the John Hyde house, a real New Englander, with a beautifully designed front door entrance. Here lived John Hyde and his wife Elizabeth Laird Hyde with their two boys, Charles and Nelson. John was a deacon of the church, sat in the first seat in the middle aisle. John was very deaf and would cup his hand to his ear so he could hear the sermon. The Hyde family took in summer boarders as well as raising crops and selling milk. One time Nelson was taken to court for watering his milk, Nelson told the judge, the roof must have leaked for the building needed shingling. Neither of the boys married. The place was sold to A.C. Boyce. This man made a liquid called "Boysite" to be put into your car's gas tank, to make your engine run better and cleaner. Arthur built a large house in the field west of the farm house. Later it was sold to Francis-cotti, who was a noted violinist. The large house was named Fiddle Top. Franciscotti sold the farm to Eugene Ormandy. Eugene has a caretaker, Hons Grinde, who lives in the old farm house and looks after the Ormandy grounds in summer. Across the road at the top of the hill lived the Laird family, who had two children, Elizabeth and Edward. At the house site, all you will find is a heap of stone where the fireplace stood.

Going down the hill we come to the Harmond district School House where the Harmond, Hyde, and Schultis children went to school. The school house was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kahl of Pittsfield, who made it into a cottage, where they would spend their week-ends and summer vacations. Henry owned a shoe store in Pittsfield. The Kahls sold the cottage to Josephine Johnson for her vacations. Josephine had an apartment in Gt. Barrington where she lived. After her death the cottage went to her nephew, Richard Tryon, who owned the land all around the cottage.

The next farm is the Philando Harmon farm. Philando and his wife, Nellie Dowd Harmon, lived here all their lives, raising two boys and one girl. The three children went to school in the village, having to walk to and from school most of the time. Issac, the oldest boy, after finishing school, went to Pittsfield to live and work at the Y.M.C.A. Issac stayed at the Y. until his retirement, was married, and had children. Parker lived home until he married Marguert Reynolds, a chamber maid who came to Miss Waring for the summer. Parker also worked at the Warings as chore man. The love bug started to work and Miss Reynolds became Mrs. Harmon. Parker bought the Gulf Gas Station from Joe Johnson, living there until retirement. Camilla married Richard Emith of Pittsfield and went to Dalton to live. After Philando died, the place was sold to Richard Tryon. When

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Parker was a small boy, playing around the barn, he went in to the house, got some matches, and built a fire in the middle of the barn floor.

Knowing what he had done, Parker went to the house, got some water and tried to put the fire out; but it had made such headway the whole barn burned to the ground. Philando decided to have a much larger barn built at once. The Whitney Brothers from Hartsville built it in no time flat. One other time Philando had cut brush along his fence line and started to burn the brush, when the fire got out of control and spread to his neighbors' land and before it was stopped, it had burned down the old Sheltus house and barn. The house and land were owned by Mr. Langhar from New Marlboro. Philando had a fine herd of Jersey cows, and furnished cream to Tryon's Tea Room to be made into ice cream. At the farm now lives Richard Tryon and his wife Barbara, and their five children. Barbara is teaching in the Monument Mt. Regional School District.

The next farm was the Brady Shultis home where Brady and his wife brought up a family of three boys--Worth, George, Harry, and a girl they called Byrd. Worth went to New Jersey to work; George drove stage from New Marlborough to Great Barrington. He raised a boy named Don, who is a carpenter living in Gt. Barrington. George's daughter Hazel, married Arthur Hebert, a contractor living in the village of Monterey. Harry Shultis went to work for the Whitney Brothers, learning the building trade; working for them for several year; then going into business for himself. Harry married Jennie Lockwood a girl from Southfield, she gave birth to one boy, Sidney. Sid went to work for the New England Tel. and Tel. Co., and is still there. Brady Shultis' daughter, whom they called Byrd, died in her early years, while the family lived in New Marlboro. Brady at one time lived at the Hartsville Trout Hatchery, and raised trout. After his retirement, he lived in the village of Hartsville. Brady Shultis was a war veteran and is buried in the Corashire Cemetery. Monterey

Next we cross the Harmond Brook, which originates on Stump Hill in the town of Sandisfield and flows through Lake Harry, over Hyde's Falls and Hyde's Ravine. The Falls were well explored by our summer boarders, for they were in walking distance from the center of town. The well kept farm of Silas and Bertha Hall Hyde is next. Bertha Hyde gave birth to one girl, Beulah. Beulah married the son of Deacon Martin

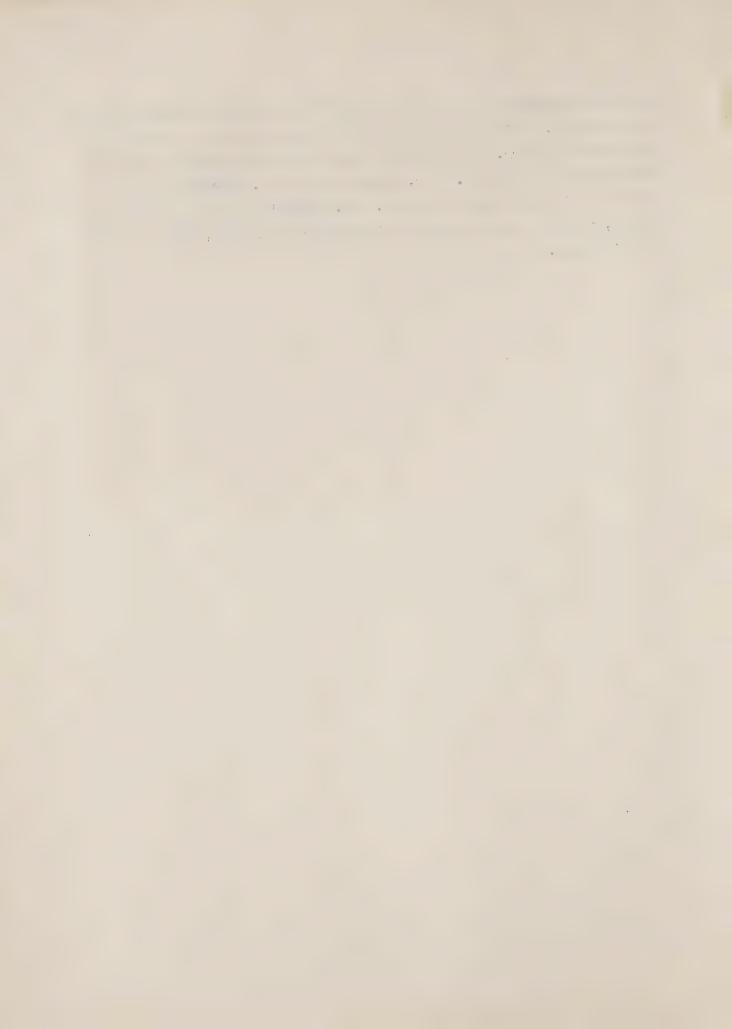


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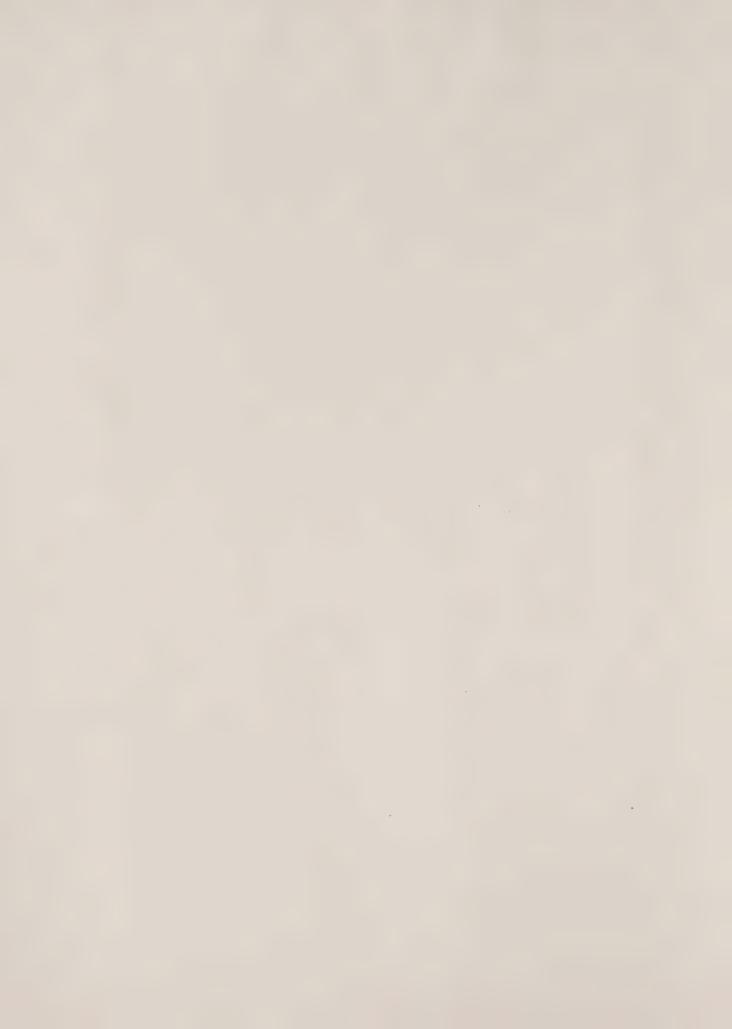
Thomson, who was named Jared B. Thomson. Silas was deaf as a stone, and his wife, Bertha would make words with her hands and fingers to converse with him. I think the Hydes were the only residents in town who had horse power to saw their wood. A treadmill which ran by placing a horse on a moving track with gears, would drag a large saw back and forth on a lon, placed on a carriage to be moved up for the next cut. As the large° chunks of wood came off of the carriage, men would place wedges into the end of the log, and hammer with a heavy mallet to split it into smaller pieces. Silas also had a smaller tread-mill that was run by a sheep for churning butter. Silas had a large maple orchard and was the first in town to install an evaporator for boiling maple sap into syrup. Silas and Bertha sold the farm to William Gould who rented the place to Dr. I.M. Altaraz, a well known man who was born in Vlazenica, Yugoslavia in the early 1860's. After going to three years pre-med and medical courses, four years Division of Philosophy at the Univ. of Berlin, receiving his Ph.D. Degree, coming to America, he went to New York Univ., studied as a Research Fellow in Sociology, received his M.A. Degree., on to Columbia Unv. Then he took a Post-grad course in Neurology and Microscopy. Somewhere along the way he met a Miss Frieda Podvinec from Vukevar, Yugoslavia, and was married. Coming to Monterey and staying at Gould Farm, he made him-self known to Miss Carolyn Goodyear, a sister of Mrs. Gould. In their conversation the doctor mentioned he was looking for a place for a school. Carolyn knew her brother-in-law, Willian, had bought the Silas Hyde Farm. She advised the Doctor to go look at the farm. Going through house and then coming to the large stock barn, the Doctor made up his mind this was the place to start his school. Much equipment had to be obtained, and in 1927 Dr and Mrs. Altaraz started their first school. During their stay at Hyde's Falls, there came a heavy rain and the meadows were flooded and food was brought in by canoe from Gould Farm. The doctor had to use the old road to New Marlborough, to Hartsville, up the River Road to the Gould Farm. a distance of about fourteen miles one way. The school moved next to Dr. Payne's farm on Route 23 now owned by Camp Kadima. The school got larger and a new unit was formed for Frieda called Avalon School, for girls only. Dr. and Mrs. Altaraz bought the farm from Barney Merman, a Jewish butcher who peddled meat in the surrounding towns. Later Dr. Altaraz bought the Walker Estate, called Brookside in Gt. Barrington

and leaving Avalon School to Stanley Papo who had been his cook at school for some time. Altaraz took the boys and left Monterey. Next the Hyde farm was sold to Dr. Wilber Thomas, Silas and Bertha moved to Clifford Brochu farm in Corashire. Dr. Thomas sold to Dr. Scheffy and his children still come here in summer. Dr. Thomas' daughter married Gordon Bowles, and they built a house on the Wallace Hall Road, which is their vacation home.



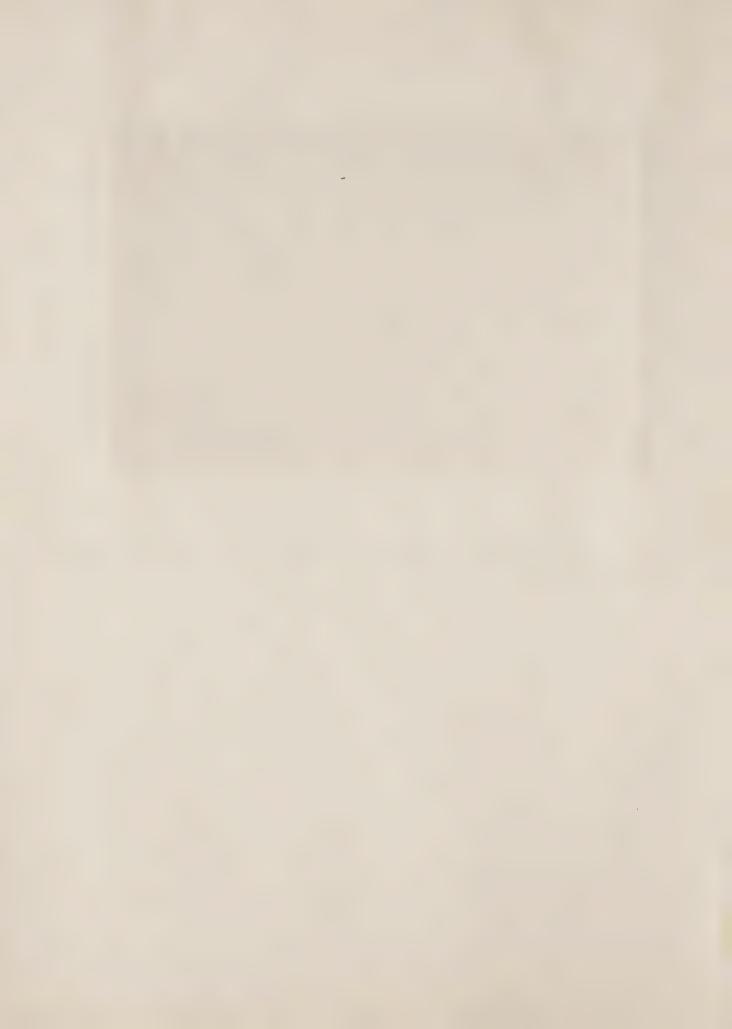
Coing East from village of Monterey on RT. 23 thefirst road you come to is Newmalbro runing fom DT 23 to the vi lage of Newmalbro. The first road thet braches of the Newmalbro a distance over a mile, is the Welman Road. The Welman road runs from the Nermalbro to the Gould road The farm on the XXXXXXXXX south sice of the road was owened by the Rubin Fargo a very large farm ran by Rubin and his wife Charotte who had died in 1886. At the time of Charotte death a Mrs. Lydia Wellman and her son Clarence came to help in the house work, Lydia wasthe sister of Henry Hubbard who live in the large white house at the top of the hill on Gould road. Lydia who had marrid a chap named Wellman had left Lydia and her infant son, compelling the suport of her shild went to work at the Fargo farm, Sending Clarence to the Harmond school with Hyde, Harmond, and Schultis boys for his learning. Soon after Charlotte death, Lydia becme Rubin second wife and Clarence his step son. Some time along in the 1890 Two girls fom Albary N.Y. came to visit the Fargos. When the time came for the girls to go home. Kate infomed themthat she was going. she had met the boy she loved and was ging to marry Clarence. The two familes live on he farm, Rubin diedin 1907 and Lydia in 1923. The Wellmans allways had a open house and gave a kitchen dance, three or four times in the winter Rarry Alexander from Soutfield would come to call and do fiddeling. WHAT A GOOD TIME.

On the Noth side of Wellman road and across from Rubin Fargo farm lived decond Townsend, Helen and Jessie Townsend were brought up on this farm, later in years the went to teach in Hampton Virgnia a school for the Indians, The farm was sold to Miss Francis Waring and Miss Janet Waring, twi maiden ladies from Yonkers N.Y.All the harnes and wagons had the emblem of (JF) on them and the cottage that they sold to Mrs. Mary Reed was called (JOLLY FOHLY) The two girls sold the farm to Willim Shaw.and wife and daughter, who was married to Dr. William Buttons, The Buttons had two children, girl and boy named William. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. Betty who was a divorsed from Dr. Buttons, got her eye on a young chap named William Dreher and was to him but a short time when Betty devorsed him and went to Bakkonkto live, renting the farm.





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Along the Curtis Road leading off Rt. 23 and across the bridge, was what was called "Townsend Manor". This old house burned down and I. Traggard, who had bought the Hubbard farm and lived there for a few years now bought the Townsend Farm and built the present house; later selling to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tass. Mrs. Tass was a concert violinist, giving many concerts in New York. The Tasses had two girls. After the death of Emil, his wife, Helen sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell. The O'Connells are both teachers and have four daughters, all in school or college.

At the next house lived the Mike Dower family. Also later a family who worked for W.J. Gould lived there. Emma Heath lived in the house and taught school in the village, renting from Gould Farm.

At the top of the hill called "Top Side" is the Henry Hubbard farm. Henry Hubbard had two sons, Henry Jr. and Calvin. The Hubbards sold the farm to I. Traggard who sold it to the Gould Farm. The Gould head quarters were the Burlapp Farm, bought by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gould, who came here from Conway, Mass. Mrs. Gould was the granddaughter of Goodyear who organized the Good Year Rubber Company. Mr. Gould died fighting a fire on the farm. William was buried on a wooded hillside east of the farm head quarters. You could write a book about the good William Gould has done since he came to Monterey.



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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Stedman lived on the top of Chestnut Hill. They had two places, one on each side of the road. They lived in the house on the west side of Chestnut Hill Road. They had one girl named, Hazelteen. After selling the farms here in Monterey to a Mr. Polock, a Russian who could not speak very much English, the Stedmans moved to Gt. Barrington, on Castle Hill Avenue. Hazelteen received her schooling at Searles and went away to teach. Hazelteen married Charles Parmenter and they have two children. Oscar was one of two sons. When the Civil War broke out, he was able to buy himself off from serving, but his brother Henry joined the army and served his country. Mr. Polock lived here but a year or two, then he traded with a Harry Winglinsky a house in New York, for the farm on Chestnut Hill. A girl named Rebecca Winglinsky came to the village school with the James Twing children who were brought by horse and carriage. Winglinsky sold to a syndicate from New York; called the Hephzibah House Inc. On top of a cleared piece of land they built a large building including dining room, kitchen, and a large place for meetings. Around the edge of the meadows were built small cottages which were to accomodate two or more persons. The people would come and go as they returned from foreign missions. This is where they rested before going on missions again. This work is still carried on and they are building more places to accomodate boys and girls who are interested in their work.

Down the hill we come to the Henry Stedman farm where the work was done by Henry and his wife, Ellen Stratton Stedman, and one son Edward. Their farm product was cheese; several tons were made on the farm during the year. Edward started courting the girls and was married to Emma Burrows. They lived for a while in Monterey, and Ed worked for Frank Heath who had a livery stable where Makuc lives at the corner of Rt. 23 and the Sandisfield Road. Having a better job offered him, he and his wife, went to Gt. Barrington to work for E.B. Culver, an undertaker, living on Dresser Ave. I remember Ed driving a pair of coal black horses hitched to a hack which was black, with two large windows in the doors, and two small windows each side of the door. The people faced each other as they sat inside the hack. The driver, all in black, with gloves and a high silk hat, held a horse whip in one hand. It was quite a sight to see. Looking through old Stedmans diary we find recorded the price of \$60.00 that was paid to E.B. Culver for the service for his grandfather

Stedman's funeral in 1905. The marker cost \$27.00, paid to Mr. Lux from Gt. Barrington. Henry Stedman sold his farm to the New England Keswick Bible Society. Henry and his wife, Ellen came to live in the village at B.E. Tryon's apartment across from the Langdon Store Co. Later Henry bought the Henry Langdon home where Wallace Tryon now lives. Pop Courtney came from New York and ran New England Keswick, building many cottages, a chapel, and a large dining room. He fixed up the old house with steam heat. Many persons stayed with him the year around. At present he is at the Gt. Barrington Nursing Home. Pop served in World War 1. and was over seas for quite awhile.

Coming down the hill we come to the James L. Twing farm. James for his first wife had married Rosella Munson who gave birth to three children, Annie, Edward, and Munson. Annie, leaving Monterey, went to California and married Ed. Gallory and lived the rest of her life there. Edward married Grace Judd for his first wife, having one boy called Albert. Later on, after a divorce, Grace had the name Twing dropped and called the boy Albert Ager. Edward's second wife was Ellen Talbot. Edward was subject to epileptic disorder and had seizures quite often. Ed had one one day in the general store when Lester and Julius Miner were the owners, and Lester was so scared he ran out of the store. I never knew of Ed's hurting anyone. He would ask for a cigarette as he came out of the trance. James Twing's first wife died and James married Gertrude Hart, the daughter of William Hart, who lived on the Brett Road. James and Gertrude had five children; Warren, Frank, Ruth, Robert and Helen. Warren, Frank, and Robert died early in life. Ruth married Marshall Miller for her first husband. Living at the farm she gave birth to two children Paul and Charlotte. Marshall worked for the town of Monterey. One day standing on the running board of a large Mack truck loaded with dirt, driven by Wendell Heath, he went to get off as the truck was passing the store, before the truck had stopped. He slipped, fell, and was dragged under the back wheel, which ran over his body. Marshall was put on a platform truck driven by Wallace Tryon and taken to the hospital. He was pronounced dead upon his arrival. Sometime later Ruth married Danah Wells, a boy coming down from Vermont. Ruth by this second husband had three more children; Lenora, James, and Ada. Danah died and Ruth is living with her son James in Sheffield. Helen Twing married Adolp Straleau from Sheffield. James Twing had a

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nice singing voice and sang in the choir of the Monterey Church for years. One year he was leader of a singing class held in the village school. I think there were about thirty that met once a week all winter long. The Twings sold the farm to Mrs. Featherstalk who came here for summers only. After her death it was bought by the present owner, Alan Roland.

The W.A. Hall farm, known as Bill Hall's farm, has changed hands several times, the present owner being Hugh Wheeler. Some time in the past a chuch Summer Camp was there, run by the Simpson Church from Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Campbell from New Marlborough was at the head of the organization. There were about fifteen children at the farm on a two weeks' vacation, then another group came for two weeks, for the month of July and August. The camp ran in the early 1920's after the war.

The house across the road, owned at present by Helen Secondari, was the stock barn of W.A. Hall. Several owners have bought this old barn, after it was made into a house. In the last thirty years it has been owned by Furhman, Fowler, Elliott, and Parker.

FAIRVIEW ROAD MUD LANE

Leaving the village of Monterey and traveling west and rounding the Cy Brewer corner, we reach a long stretch of land known as the Barnum flats. On each side of the road are meadow land rich in cultivation, a fine sight to see, a field of corn and grain waving in the summer breeze. Traveling early in the morning and looking into the field to the right it is quite possible to see a deer with her two fawns grazing there next to the woods. Looking north west, nestled in a few white pine trees, are the house and farm barns of Rufus Barnum. Looking at the barns from the distance you will see farm stock consisting of cows and horses grazing on the hill side back of the barn. The house is very old but kept in good repair. the owner spoiled the outside appearance when he covered the old New England white painted siding with wood shingles. But the entrance to the front door is left intack with its seventeenth century architectural design.

Rufus Barnum had a son named Arthur S. who married a Monterey girl, the daughter of Charles Gregory who lived in the Village. This small girl was called "Skip", but her real name was Clara. The first I remember Arthur and Clara was when they lived in the Village and were in business, called "Heath and Barnum", with his brother-in-law, Ellery G. Heath. Soon after the big fire of Heath and Barnum in 1914, Arthur and his family of one girl named Beatrice and a boy named Arthur, moved back to his father's farm. Arthur was a hard worker all his life, getting up early in the morning and late to bed at night. He drove a team of work horses with which he drew gravel on town roads in summer and in winter drew heavy loads of lumber to Gt. Barrington to George A. Stevens Box Shop. After taking care of his stock in the morning, he would hitch his pair of horses to a lumber sleigh, drive three miles to the top of Bear Town Mountain, load three thousand feet of box boards and drive nine miles to the Box Shop, making the return home. The round trip was about twenty four miles. Also there were barn chores. Night and morning he had to milk ten or twelve cows and keep them fed and watered. This farm was worked by horses and hand labor for the farm tractor had not come into use. As time went on Arthur got a caretaker's position at the Smith and Latimor estate on the Fairview° Road that ajoined his farm. Arthur worked here for years until his death.

The Barnum family were members of the Congregational Church and

• e e came to church always late. Their pew was three from the front on the left aisle. If you happened to call at the Barnum house and knock at the door, you probably would be met by Clara Barnum with a tin horn in her left hand. Clara was quite deaf and by placing the small end of the horn in her ear she would hear quite well. The Barnum's daughter was called Bea. She went to school here; also to North Adams Normal School. She came back to Monterey and started teaching school in a one room school house with seven grades. Bea was one of the best teachers that ever entered a school room. Discipline was number one in her school. Bea had a rather sharp voice and had to speak to the children but once. Bea married early in life to a boy from Pittsfield who came to Monterey with his mother and father who worked at Brookbend for Miss Morse. Their name was Phillips. Bea had one son named Peter. Bea and her husband lived together a short time. When they separated, Bea and son lived with the Barnums on the farm, as they still do.

Arthur H. Barnum, son of Arthur S. Barnum, worked at different places. His nickname was Poke. He loved horses and worked at Mrs. Willets in New Marlborough where they raised and trained Hackney ponies. Poke married Halley Tinker from Clayton, Conn., and they have two sons named Arthur and Rufus. Poke and Halley agreed to disagree and they separated. Pokey later married a Forest girl from Hartsville where they still live.

Peter Phillips went to school in Monterey and to Amherst College, worked at different jobs around town. He met a girl at Gould Farm, a Miss Dora Stafford, and married her. They have four boys. One morning after Peter went to work Dora and the four boys left for parts unknown.

Peter took the position as United States Post Office clerk after Felix LeMoin, who was taken sick and died. Peter was in as Postmaster for a few years but was replaced by Jack McIver.

Peter later married his second wife, Judie Wells, who was Howard and Dorothy Wells' oldest daughter. Peter and Judie have one child and live on the Barnum homestead.

Miss Nellie Smith and Florence Lattimore bought the old farm where once stood a house called "Dew Drop Inn' where Charles and Annie Kimberly lived. Smith and Lattimore had had built an all stone house by the contractors of Smith and Fargo, a pair of mason contractors from Monterey. The stones, very smooth and thin, were taken from an old stone

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quarry on Mt. Hunger Road back of the John Martin Farm. After the stones were acquired, they were brought to the house by trucks. This whole house is made of stone walls, floors, and roof, as near fire proof as it could be built. This was a big job and it took quite a long time. Frank Everitt, the son of John and Alice Harmon Everitt, worked for the ladies for years doing the gardening in summer and clearing snow in winter. Arthur Barnum worked for the ladies as well as taking care of his farm. After the death of the two ladies, the Stone House and land went to the Quakers in Penn., and then was sold to Arnold Whitehouse, the present owner.

The Pearson family lived up the hill. The Pearsons had two daughters, Nora and Minnie. Nora married a Barbieri and lived on the Monument Valley Road in Gt. Barrington conduction a farm for years. They had two boys and one girl. Lawrence, the older son, went into the lumber business and ran a saw mill in Housatonic. Lawrence has served on the board of Selectmen in Gt. Barrington for several years. The second son, John, married Evelyn Springstrube and they worked the farm with his mother until his death. Sometime after, Evelyn married Gilbert Hughes, a native of the valley. Nora's daughter, Mary, married a man named Storti. Mary had two daughters by Storti; Delores and Janice. Sometime along the way Mary and Storti separated, and Mary married Charles Albert; Mary having a son named Charles Jr. The second Barbieri daughter, named Minnie, married a Wilhelm who had a large farm in Sheffield. Minnie always went by the name of Minnie Overals. I guess Minnie was the first woman ever to wear overalls all the time.

Up at the top of the hill is where Lorenzo Brett lived. The place was sold to Julius Miner who sold the land for building lots. The Rev. George Miller bought a few acres of land and built a cottage on top of the highest point of the old farm. The cottage is now owned by Evergreen R.E. Trust. Several cottages have been built along this Fairview Road which was once called "Mud Lane".

Down the hill on the east side of the road a cottage was built by Miss Schofield and Miss Stetson, where now lives Joseph Levy. The next cottage was built by Miss Emma Everitt; was sold to Donald Price; the present owner is Joseph Kerensky. The next cottage was built by Mrs. Stockweather and is now owned by Stewart Hegleman. The open meadow on the right, owned by R. Lankenau, was a heavy wooded area. Richard had this piece of land cleared and built a large house at the top of the hill. After Lee and Bea Darling sold their house, known as

the Old Garfield house, to Arthur J. Bronstein, they moved to the R. Lankenau cottage where they spend their summers and rest in Florida in winter.

At the end of Fairview Road stands the old Elihue and Ellen Crosby Harmon farm, a house beyond repair. Mr. Harmon was born in Monterey and went to the University in New Marlboro for his education. This University stood in the village of New Marlboro on the west side of the New Marlboro-Monterey Road. Elihue taught school for many years. They had only one daughter named Alice who married a widower from Newburgh, N.Y. who came to visit his sister Emma Everit who had bought land and built a house on Mud Lane. John Everit and Alice Harmon Everit had five sons and one daughter called "Wee Alice". The son's names were Frank, Edwin, Daniel, Theodore and Robert. Elihue Harmon had two brothers, Frank and Philando. Frank married Rose Gregory and had two children, Francis who married Gretchen Calkins of Housatonic, and a daughter, Abbie, who married Frank Campbell. Frank Harmon was Town Clerk of Monterey for many years.

Philando Harmon was married to Nellie Dowd. They had three children, Camila who married Richard Smith from Pittsfield and now lives in Dalton. Isaac Harmon, the oldest son, married Hazel Gibbs. They lived in Pittsfield and he worked at the Y.M.C.A. and was there until his retirement. Parker Harmon married Marguerite Reynolds, and they ran the Gulf Gas Station at the junction of Main and New Marlboro Road.

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Also a reading by Beulah Taggart Peacock. at a annual meeting July. 26, 1969. For the Monterey Historical Society

THE INNS, TAVERNS and BOARDING HOUSES IN MONTERTY



THE MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monterey, Massachusetts

THE MONTEREY POST OFFICE

Upon the Incorporation of the Town of Monterey in 1847 Wilbur C. Langdon, proprietor of the Langdon Store was appointed post master under the administration of James K. Polk. The original location of the post office area was at the right as one entered the front door of the store. A slot under the window on that side was for mailing when the store was closed.

Upon the death of Wilbur C. Langdon in 1877, his son Henry W. Langdon was appointed and held the office until 1883 when William S. Bidwell, a partner in the general store business at that time, was appointed. He held the office until 1859 when Henry W. Langdon was reappointed and remained until his death in 1906.

Then Julius D. Miner, who had served as assistant under Mr. Langdon, was appointed and served until 1933 when, under the administration of Frank-Delano Roosevelt, William T. Martin was appointed. During Mr. Miner's period of service the amount of mail was increased by the coming of more summer residents and the parcel post service. The old horse sheds east of the store were torn down and an annex built which gave more room.

Upon Mr. Martin's appointment a building was built by A. Wallace Tryon on his land near the bridge and was occupied for several years as post office. It is now a dwelling house.

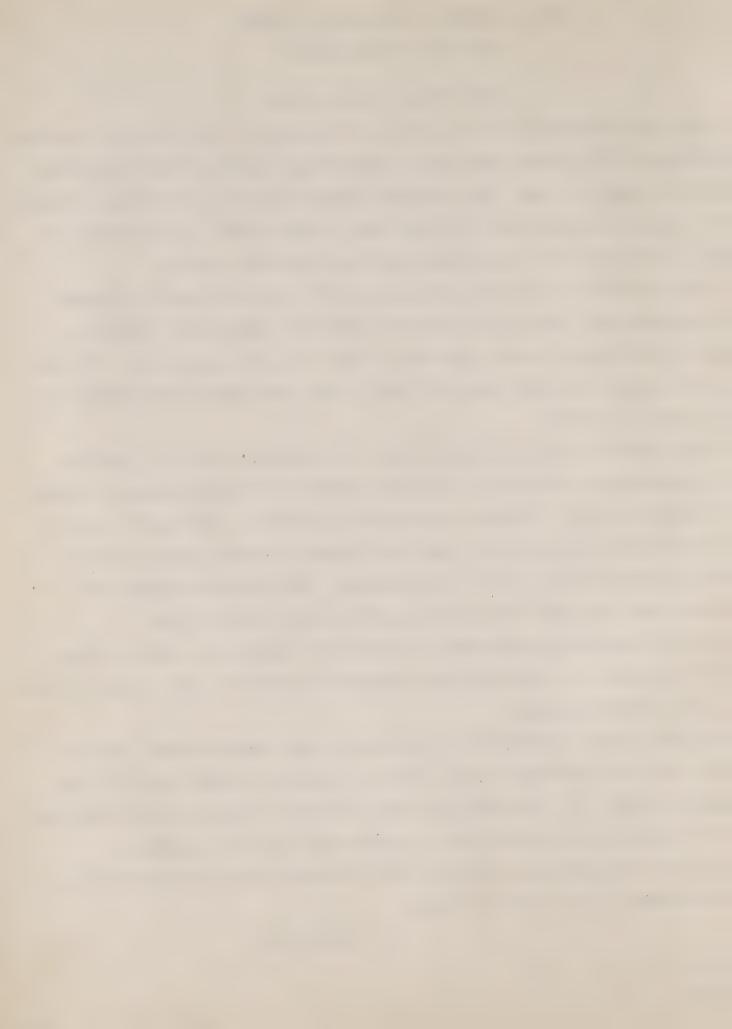
Then the office moved back to the annex of the Langdon Store, where it stayed during the remainder of Mr. Martin's years of service until his retirement in 1953. A. Peter Phillips was appointed and served until May 1960 when the present Post Master John A. MacIver was given the position.

The new Post Office was built in 1960 by Charles Slater of Tyringham, at that time owner of the Langdon Store.

by Della Tryon

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Industry in South Tyringham (Menterey)

In the early days, Industry was usually related to the effort to provide for the needs of the settlers such as lumber, hardware, nails and tools for building with mills for the preparation of lumber into siding, lath and shingles.

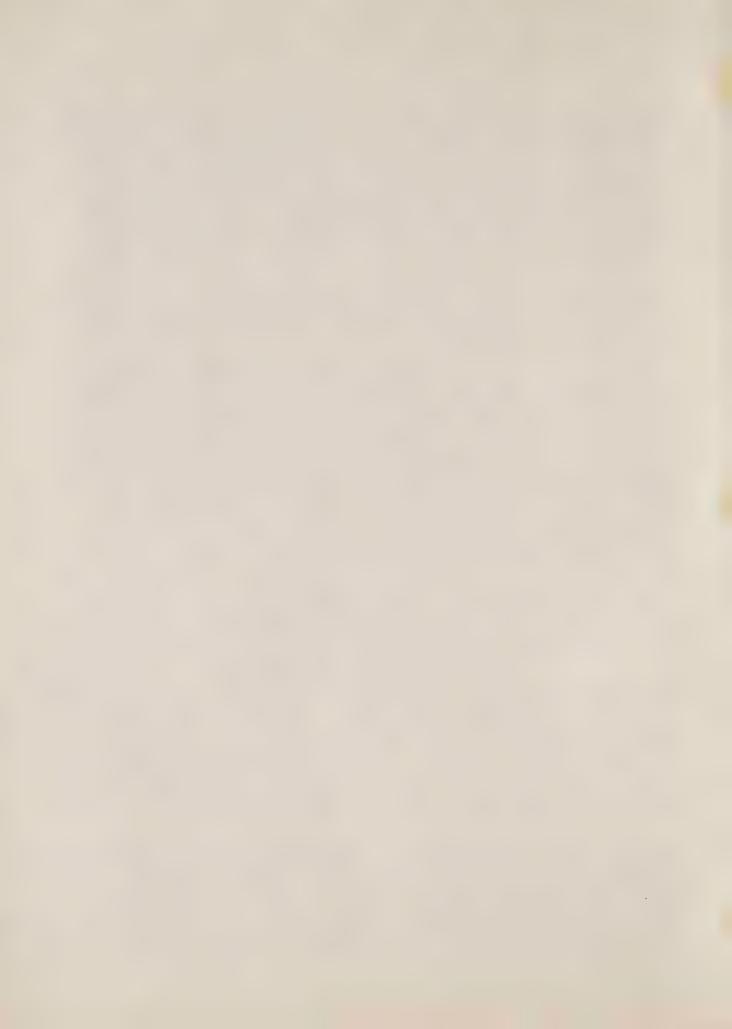
In August of 1739 John Brewer of Hopkinton came to South Tyringham, now Monterey and built a house with a stockade around it on the site of the present Congregational Church Farsonage near the junction of the Otis- Sandisfield reads. The house was fortified and during the French and Indian wars the promincial government sent soldiers to aid in its defense.

John Brewer built and equipped the saw mill on the Kenkapet brook at the site of the dam in back of the present general store. Later, John Langdon bought the mill and built the present store building for his son. The store has been in continuous operation ever since.

There were several other mills built dom stream a cording mill which prepared the well fleece for finishing by the women into yern for weaving blankets and for kritting stockings, socks, mittens.caps.scarves and other articles for which made clothing for their families. There was also a comb factory which made side combs and other articles. When I was a small child there also was a small house at the edge of the woods. Across the stream was a large house called the "Boarding House " where mill hands boarded. Then came the slaughter house where farmers brought their animals to be killed and dressed for meat. A building located betwien the Grange Hall, and the read was a mest market wherebook and har was processed and hard and sousans rate of a decid. A paper mill was built down stream from the slaughter house but it was not a success and later moved to Holyoke. The Hadsell mill further dean stream was a saw and grist mill, and I can remember going down there with my uncle to have whole grain ground for feed for the poultry and animals. The road here by the bridge followed the stream to the Hadrell Mill and then turned and came out on the New Maribers read below the Gillis place, where A.K. Hadsell lived.

On the New Marlboro read epposit the read leading to the mill, was a cheese factory for a short time. The first settlers made their cheese and butter in the home and sold the surplus to the store or exchanged it for goods. On the corner of the New Marlboro read where the Gulf Station new stands was the Berkshire Hill Cooperative Creamery. The cream was gathered at the farms by a man with a wagon and horses, in big metal lined cans and placed in large vats in the main room. The big churn in a separate room was run by steam power. The butter was shipped to New York, and Pittsfield by railrood and many of the summer hotels of the county used it.

Another mill was on the Kenkapet brook on Beartown road object to lartin-Welsh here. Julius liner called it the "RAT THAI" factory, but I have held that other wire articles were also made. This mill burned down about 1865. There was the Brachu mill on the River Road a little below the bridge. This was a saw mill and possibly a grist mill owned by Frances Brachu. The Town by the effort of the Conservation Commission has purchased this site and it will be kept in its natural state and may be used for picnics.



At one time there was a small exterer of iron ore in the Cor shire section. The history of New Marlboro speaks of some iron works on one of the churches as coming from hire, but it was evidently not enough to develop.

A rake factory on Hupi Road is shown on an 1830. map. During the development of the farming land the forest had to be cleared and another industry developed. Sections wer 2 coaled off 2, the trees wer cut and burned into charcoal which was in great demand in Richmond, West Stockbridge and Kent and Cornwall Bridge in Connecticut where there were sizable deposits of iron which were processed by charcoal heat.

I can remember the charcoal wagons going through the village. They were much wider at the top and quite high and horses drawn and not near as heavy as they looked. Many French and French Canadian families came here to work in the woods as charcoal burners.

One industry or trade I have not mentioned was the blacksmith. Penul Hebbs was the first mentioned. He was situated acress from Ences. My grandfather came from Connecticut and worked for him about 1845. and later settled here in Manterey.

by Della A. Tryen
July 26 1969 at a meeting of the
Menterey Historical Society.

The Inns, Taverns and Bearding Heuses in Venterey by Beulah Taggart Peaceck. July 26 1969.

As we all know Menterey was at one time part of Tyringham Settlement, with a population of about 325. It was originally called "Green Woods". Years later, after separation from North Tyringham during the Mexican War, patriotic selectmen wished to change the name in honor of General Zacharv Taylors battles in Mexico. This in 1847, about a year before General Taylor was elected President the town was renamed Menterey.

According to records, the first Tavern was opened by Isaac Benedict. I find no records of exact lecation, except he was among the earlist settlers. It has been suggested that it might have been an Blue Hill. There was a homestead which could have been Isaac Benedict; s near the famor Andrew Hall property not far from the well known Benedict Pend.

On a map dotted 1858 there is printed "The W.N.Bentley itetel" located across from the present Libary. This buildies is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hebert. I do not know if it the original building except to say I know it was there in 1909 and a landmark as one entered the village.

Beginning around I895 people became interested in Menterey and its Lake Garfield, as an ideal vacation land. In due time the natives opened their homes as boarding houses, a term used long, long ago. The following is a list which seems incredable in numbers for such a small town or should I say village for such it was in these early years. In some instances I am giving an ray attention of the I represent the I. Therefore in Menterey for my first of many summers in 1909.

1909---Moses Farge 1910---Mrs. Mame Benten 1910---Mrs Clara Brooks





A VIEW OF ELEPHANT ROCK, MONTEREY, MASS.

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sold the present to be used as a private hame to have the rand have owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwab.

1916--- Mrs Henry Woods. 1916--- Mrs. William Bump

I9I5---Mrs. Henry Clapp who sold to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lankenau as a private home. 1948. Fr. and Mrs. Fred Lancara man the former Lake Garfield Galf Club as and enters the village called "Sun-In-Side". a well known French Restaurant.

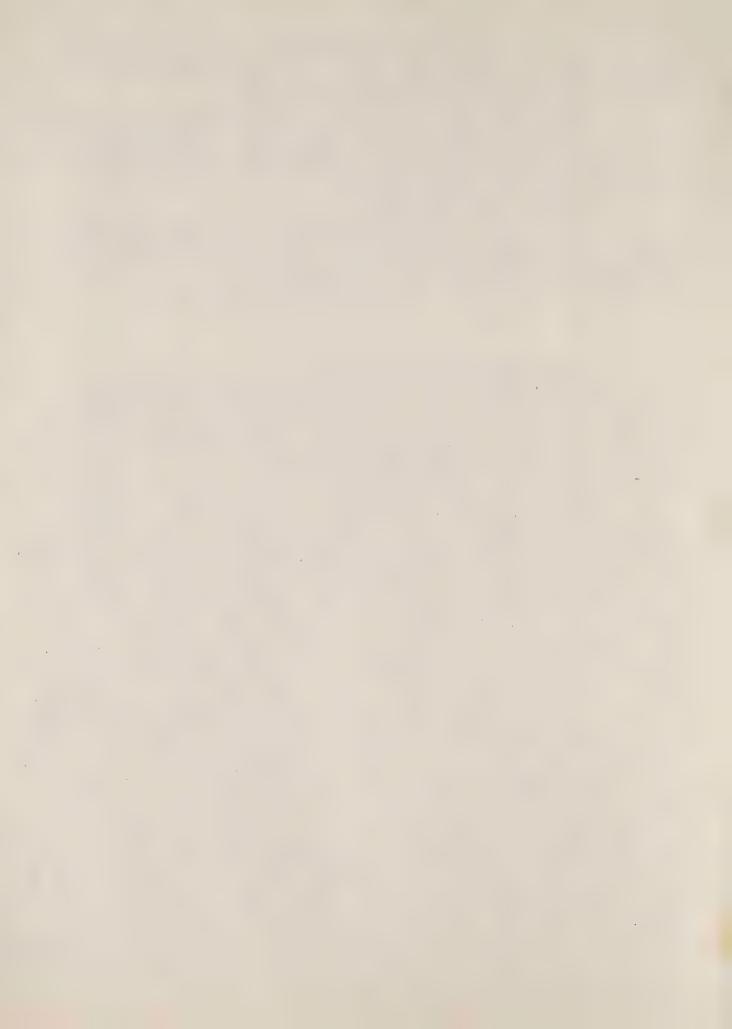
Beulah Taggart Peaceck 1969.

THE ELUPHANT ROCK COMMINITY

Olive B. davis, BY- daughter of Herbert Peterson.
On Hupi Read about 100' past the intersection of Hupi with the
Displant Rock herd there is a huge songstone rick about 102 in from
the read. If you look quickly you may think that you are seeing an
elephant. This rock was the inspirition for the name of the read. Ir.
Wallace Tryon in his manuscript on the history of lanterey says that
the rock was once on the farm of Hyland Dowd.

Hyland Dowd had two daughters, Grace became Mrs. Scott and Jennie become lrs. Regers. Lany of the early settlers in Elephant Rock hand bought land from the Grace Dowd Scott estate. Jennie Dowd Regers lived for rany years on the husger bountain Road in the first house you came to ofter leaving rout \$23. The house is still standing. Irs. Regers celebrated her 82nd birthary in 1943 and is reserted to have said at that time that her ancester Cornelius Dowd came to the Berkshires in 1730 and bought 600 acres of land from the Indians for six felt hats. Another version of the transaction is that the land was bought for ten heaver hats. The original name of Hupi Road was Dowd Road as the land on both side of the road was owned by Dowds. At one time ranbers of the Elephant Rock group considered asking the town to change the name of Hupi Road to that of Rower Hat Road.

The founder of the Elephant Rock community was the Rev. Dr. hebert Brawn, husband of brave and level lable Brown. She shawed betweef these qualities in ading her husband in his carping and other activities. Dr. Brown was a vigorous, hearty non over six feet tall The Lad rank telents. He was a rest, carrenter, pre-char and teacher. He was born in lanitoba Canada and after working at several jobs in Canada, Litchhiked with a friend to Cherlin, Chis weere he enrolled in Oberlin College. It was there that he met Mable Milliken. They graduated from Cherlin College. about 1900. Soon after they were rarried and Rebert went to Yale Divinity School, where he graduated in 1903. He became poster of the Second Congregational Church i. Tatarbury, Conn. About 1906, while paster of the Waterbury church he care to Monterey with a friend. leving the beautiful weeded lake and hills and sent a telegrar to lie wife asking her to bring carping equipment and a slavel and to rest him in Gt. Berringter. Lable after gethering things together teek a train to Ferwell changed to a train for Gt. Perrington, ret Rebert and teretier they terk the other to lenterey. It sered like a leng trip. The carpin expecition on Lake Garfield was such a success that they continued to spend summer vacations there.



They camped at various locations, at first an what is now "The Foist" and after ISIO sattled on a site on the larker property.

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These cettages were said to Ir. James Vilser and his sister-in-law from Lindsey. Today these houses are aware by Jr. John Camp and Ir. and Irs. John Roth.

Mrs. Nellie Bogart seemed a frail little woman but she had great course and vision. It was she who devoloned the acting to her land and her land the had are the number land to her ordered witer down. So that as writy as 1936 we had gravity water. She built soveral cuta her will all retained for these are new owned by Carl and Judith Finger. She said an increase to the Elephant Rock head to Dr. and Irs. Harley Lutz in 1932. Mrs. Bogart lived at one time in the first house on Elephant Rock head. At her death this house we bought by the association and made in to a club house. To day it is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Garder of Last Lansing. Tick igar, It was held in Ferant's ser, larvey and his wife who seld the last of her lake shore property to Dr. and Mrs. John Miller of New Heven in about 1968.

Dr. Brewn and his wife leved Menterey and wanted to buy land or the 18ke. In 1920 les Grace Dawd Coatt a read to sall in 100' of lake share and to allow him to use the dead chestnut trees on the mountain to build a leg cabin. The cabin was built in 1922 by Dr. Brewn with the help of some friends and John Benson of Monterey and his old white horse, Delly. Originally the cabin had one large room with a fireplace, two sleeping lofts, a porch with a beautiful view of the lake and an outside with a fireplace ty, e grill. Since these the cabin has head and room.

The enthusiasm of Robert and Mable Brown proved to be so contrained that relatives, Cherlin classmates and friends who visited bought proverty and built haves. As one relatives who bought land before 1930 were label's sister hrs. Grace Belr and her brother hr. hax hilliken Cherlin classmates hard and hatherine Adams and Harley and Rochel Lutz. bought early in the 1930's as did the associate paster of hr. Brown's church brokerten Cwent. hr. Herbert Feterson, a friend of a friend of Dr. Brown in New Haven bought lands in 1930.

In the next few years there were changes. After the death of Frs. Grace Behr, her cattage was bought by Cherlin classates Arthur and Glens Clark of New Haven. Dr. Cren's wife becare ill and his cattage becare the summer home of Dick and Jean Durring. This is now the home of Jack and Fancy Adams. To follow the pattern Jack is also a graduate of Cherlin. In 1941 the lax fillikes property was bought by Corn and Ben Allen of Hartford. In the 1950's Oberlin friends Herbert and Helen May and Herbert and Jensie Robinson bought property. In 1951 Touth Charberlin a friend of Harley and Richel Lutz bought the cettage of Per and Corn Allen Her daughter Alice and husband Dean Allen new own the property.

As the community gree there were common problems concerning the the privaters, the lake class, and materials and to solve sole of the problem or association with the currence of the ts protect the interest of property our as. After the purchase of the club house the association became a social are as well as a business occa-



There are many happy memories of the social activities. For rise of sittle around a car fir on the social lake, single some and we calling to here the echaps from the constant shore or hills. There were cook-outs at the Brown's, Saturday night dinners at the club were Dr. Reexa Lutz hade als special of fix sales and hadled brown the delicious to so be one. There were an tour the stricels At one time at all Brown innersorated Elemen Recognition delicht. There were interesting pregrats give by members and their cuests.

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Over a period of 40 years there have been many changes. Trees have been cut so that the law is not as we ded as it was. The whip-pe r-wills and rest of the ovis and har as have more Canadian Geese. We have meter beats and water skiers as well as six bants, canoes, and fishing beats. Due to the manerasity of Edith Chamberlin and the Adam's granochildren we have a booutiful black top tennis court.

Many of the present property owners are children or are addition of the original Lisphant Rectors. They say as not in a tip as their forebooks about kenterey, the beauty of the labeled and relative and the corrunity. Ferhaps their thoughts in the sorious of the years are not unlike those recorded by Rachel Lutz in the following poem:

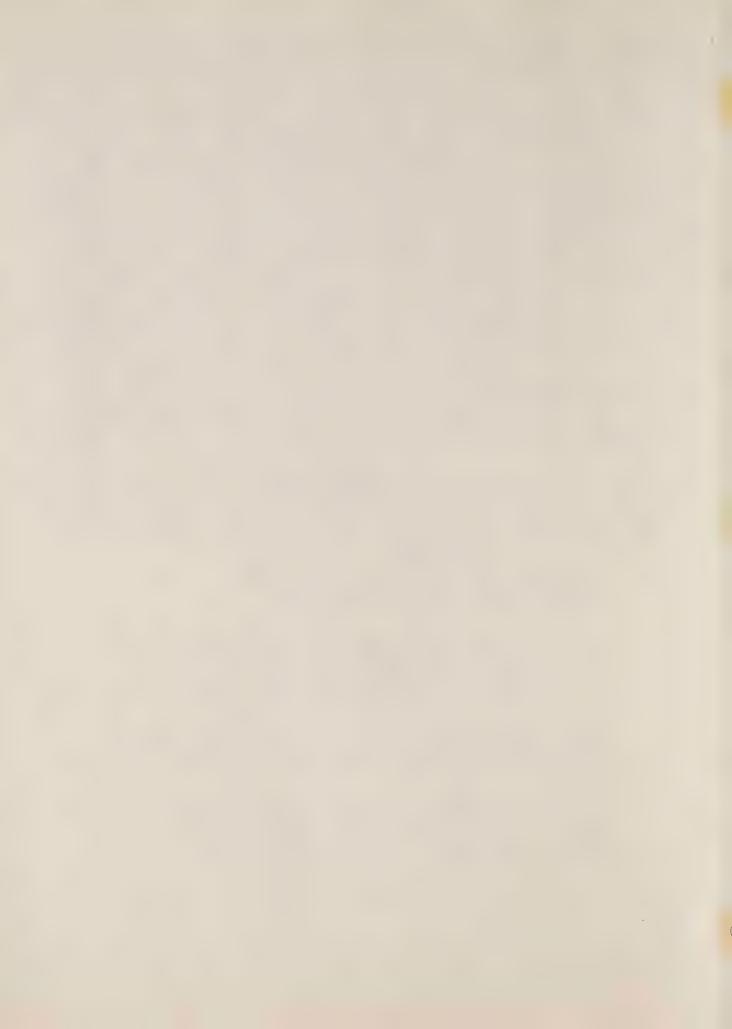
In early summer with the scent of May
A restless yearning creeps into my day
A faint, sweet sou d from far away
Listen: T'is the call of Monterey

Like swallows who fly noth in early spring Had we the gift of flight we'd soar and sing And take our way with fancy running free Back to our hills and lakes and hemlock tree.

What is the secret of this doop content?
What gives us leave to call the days, "Well Spent".
That measires off our summers year by year?
There is a spell upon the place I fear.

A sweet and subtle spell quite green and fresh And if it catches us within its mystic mesh And hald us so until the turn of fall None has complaint, it is the wish of all.

Rachel Young Lutz



Monterey Festival of the Arts

A group of people of the town of Monterey got together in 1969 and put on a Festival of the Arts in the Social room of the church. This is the fourth year for this event which is growing larger every year. This year they added an Historical tour of four houses, securing a school bus to transport the people. Since it was not large enough to hold all who wanted to go, some had to drive their own cars. Leaving the village we took the north road to the old McManus farm, which was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Cambern, from the last owner William McManus. They restored the house to some extent, building new where needed. After Mr. Cambern's death, his wife sold to Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Seigerman, the present owners, who escorted us through the house. On our way back we stopped at the Richard Lankenau home. Not going through the house but standing on the front lawn, we listened to Mrs. Margaret Bidwell White, a direct descendant of the Bidwell family who gave the following history of this house:

"In 1856 this house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bidwell, born in 1777; died in 1872 a New York lawyer; second son of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell. Attorney General Barnabus Bidwell. This Marshall Spring Bidwell was a cousin of the Marshall Spring Bidwell of Lake Farm, who was my grandfather, a merchant and farmer who lived in what was recently the Harold Schwab farm house, now owned by Lester Hyman.

The father of the New York lawyer, Marshall Spring Bidwell was also a lawyer. He was Barnabus Bidwell, born in 1763; died in 1833. He was the second son of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, who in 1750 was ordained first minister of the church in Monterey; then part of Tyringham. Barnabus Bidwell, or "Barna" Bidwell, as he signed his name, made his home in Stockbride. He had a rapid rise in fame and a sudden fall. In 1791 he was elected County Treasurer. From 1801 to 1805 he was Massachusetts State Senator. In 1805 he was elected to Congress. From 1807 to 1810 he was Attorney General of Massachusetts; a liberal Democrat advisor and close friend of President Jefferson. In 1803 he achieved the consummation of the Louisiana Purchase, for 15 million dollars. Thoughout these years when he was holding office in Boston and Washington, he continued to hold the office of County Treasurer in Stockbridge as a favor to his party, which felt that no other member of the monority party could be elected, for in the Berkshire the Tory

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Federalists were in control. All wars being bitterness and hate, the Revolutionary War was no exception. Feelings ran high. Barnabus was active in opposing self-seeking policies of the Federalists and was hated by them. They sought an excuse to get rid of him. Their opportunity came in 1810 while Barnabus was in Boston and Washington.

The details of the work of the County Treasurer were handled by six different clerks. After the sudden death of the last clerk, whose account was left open, it was found that \$330.64 was not accounted for. His political enemies seized upon this to accuse Barnabus Bidwell of embezzlement. Legally he was responsible for this book-keeping error of his dead clerk. Friends warned him that his political enemy, Clerk of Court Woodbridge, was at the County Seat in Lenox arranging a warrant for his arrest and advised him to flee the country. He immediately made an assignment of his property to pay the Treasury shortage (many times more than adequate) and left for Canada in disgrace and dishonor, never to return to the United States, and never to know the satisfaction of having the unjust accusation disproved. The hostile press printed wild lies about him. He was accused of stealing anywhere from \$1200 to \$12,000. Only after 150 years was documentary proof of his innocence found by Mrs. Charles Bidwell, and his name was cleared.

Barna Bidwell's son, Marshall Spring Bidwell, who was owner of this house in 1856 was 11 years old when the tragedy occurred which caused the family to move suddenly from Stockbridge to Canada. He was admitted to the Bar of Upper Canada in 1821, served in Canadian Parliament for 11 years; was Speaker of the House for four years. Some of his friends were concerned in the Rebellion in Canada and, though he had neither participated in it nor favored it, advantage was taken to cause the temporary suspension of law at the time by the governor, Sir Thomas Head, to compel him to leave Canada in Dec 1837, even though the governor had orders to place him on the Bench. He settled in New York City in Aug. 1838 where he practiced law for 34 years and was known as one of the ablest and most esteemed members of the New York Bar. Yale College conferred on him the degree of L.L.D. in 1858. I suppose this was his summer home while he practiced law in New York. His son Marshall Spring Bidwell Jr. (born in Toronto Canada in 1835 and died in 1877) was a law student at Columbia in 1863. However he was more interested in Art than in Law and became an artist. He owned a drug store in Sheffield,

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Mass. He was called Blue Marshall, or Blue Bidwell, because he took some drugs for a nervous disorder, which turned his face blue. In 1866 he married my grandmother's youngest sister, Alice Bidwell, his second cousin, and they and their two children lived in this house at least during the summer. Blue Marshall died in 1877, at the age of 42. After her husband's death Alice and her children lived at Lake Farm with her sister, Phoebe Sophia Bidwell and Phoebe's husband Marshall Spring Bidwell, my grandparents.

In searching title for this property, I find that 3 years after Blue Marshall died in 1877, Duncan McFarlan sold it to Charles Tuhrman. In 1886 Charles Thurman willed it to Emily Murdock. In 1887 Emily Murdock mortgaged it to the Gt. Barrington Savings Bank. In 1896 Mr. Henry and Aurelia Booth Clapp bought it at auction. For many years this place was called "The Pines", a summer boarding house run by the Clapps. Mrs. Clapp willed it to Miss Jennie Malady who Married Bert Whitney from Hartsville. Jennie Malady Whitney sold and deeded the house and land to Richard Lankenau in 1938.



Once again the Festival of the Arts put on an Historical Tour of interesting places, on Aug. 17, 1973. Leaving the Grange Hall at 10 A.M. with Lena Pedersen driving the bus with about fifty seats full, going to Beartown Mt. Road and making the first stop at Mrs. Lucy Smith's house. She is the widow of Arthur Smith, son of Herbert B. Smith. Mrs. Lucy Smith asked me (Mrs. Margaret Bidwell White) to talk about her house because, it was the home of my Great Grandfather Barnabus Bidwell. Before I go into the early history, perhaps I might say a few words about the present and recent owners. Lucy Smith came here from New Milford, Conn. where her father, Rev. John Fields Plumb, was an Episcopal Rector and the Executive Secretary of the Diocese of Conn. This was the home of her husband's family. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Smith and their four children. Herbert Jr., the oldest; Arthur, Lucy's husband, Preston, and little Eleanor who died in her teens. Preston was thrown from a horse and fatally injured. Herbert Jr. was caretaker for an estate in Lenox, when the barn caught fire, he went inside to let the stock out and never came out; a tragic death. Arthur Delafield Smith, Lucy's husband attended Gt. Barrington High School when I did and he was considered one of the brightest students in school in 1913. He was graduated from Princeton, where his father had been a class mate of Woodrow Wilson. Arthur became a New York lawyer. In 1936 he was called to Washington, D.C. and joined the Brain Trust, giving legal advice in the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare. He is the author of a book entitled "Right to Life", a legal approach to Society's Responsibility to the Individual; Pre Social Security. The house was orginally the home of Barnabus Bidwell, born in 1796. He was named for his uncle, Barnabus Bidwell born in 1763, died in 1853, who was a Massachusetts Attorney General and U.S. Senator, from Stockbridge, whose son Marshall Spring Bidwell, owned the Lankenau house in 1856. The Barnabus Bidwell who lived here in this house was one of the twelve children of Adonijah Bidwell Jr. and grandson of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, the first resident minister in Monterey, then part of Tyringham which was called Township no. 1 in 1750.

The church was organized with eight members and Rev. Adonijah was ordained as their minister. They built a fine parsonage for him which is still standing. The old Manse now owned by Jack Hargis and

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David Brush up on the mountain beyond Camp Meadow Lark, which is on the Art School Road. One hundred and fifty three years ago, in 1820 Barnabus brought his bride here to live. She was Betsey Curtiss, daughter of Amasa Curtiss who was the grandson of Isaac Garfield, Betty and Barnabus had four sons, the oldest Dr. Edwin Curtiss Bidwell, the grandfather of our cousin, Isabel Bidwell Weiss. He was born here in 1821. He was graduated from Williams College in 1841 and from Yale University in 1844. He practiced medicine at Otis, Mass; Keene, Ohio, Salisbury, Conn; Middlefield, Mass, Quasqueton, Iowa. An article of his in the Ohio Medical and Surgical Journal of Sept. 1, 1849, attracted much attention. He did not think Opium, which many doctors were using, was the right remedy for Asiatic Cholera. He had better results from Muriated Tincture of Iron. His health was impaired by serving as Surgeon in the Civil War, and he gave up medical practice and operated a Drug Store in Vineland, N.J. Doing research work, he discovered in 1881 the fungus of the Black Rot of the grape, since named for him. Laestedea Bidwell died in 1905. Betsey and Barnabus Bidwell's second son, Marshall Spring Bidwell, my grandfather was a merchant and farmer. He lived at the Lake Farm, on Lake Garfield, the house in the fork of Beartown Mt. Road and Tyringham Road, now owned by Lester Hyman. It was formerly Harold Schwab's farm house. Marshall Bidwell traveled extensively, bringing back from Holland the first Holstein cattle in this part of the country. He also had the first telephone in this area, a line from his house to his store in the Monterey village, known as Bidwell and Langdon Store, a distance of about one mile. He was also a large land owner, I read that he owned over 2000 acres. I know he was land poor in his later years. A secret not known by the town people was that his home was a station of the Underground Railroad, helping runaway slaves get to Canada and freedom. Betsey and Barnabus had two other sons born in this house, Adonijah S. Bidwell who died at the age of 19, and Orlando Birch Bidwell who married Margaret Townsend and they and their three daughters Margaret, Bertha, and Alice made their home in Freeport, Illinois. In 1864 when Barnabus was only 68 he and his two sons, Edwin Curtiss Bidwell and Orlando Birch Bidwell, by quit claim deeded to Barnabus, other son of Marshall Spring Bidwell this farm of 89 acres, with all buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging. I suppose that now that he was no longer young, he decided to give up farming and operate a saw mill, and he moved to the village

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into the house where Marjorie McLaughlin and Edith Wilson now live on the New Marlboro Road.

By Margaret Bidwell White 1973

Leaving the Smith place we went to see the flower garden of Edward E. Brosseau across the road from the Woods Cemetery. Leaving there we returned to the village where we had a picnic lunch in Bidwell Park, back of the Library. There Sheldon Fenn told wild stories about the olden days. After lunch the group made stops at other interesting places.





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LAKE GARFIELD DAM DEED

Oct. 24, 1870, Book 146, Page 14.

Marshall S. Bidwell to the Marlboro Paper Co. In consideration of \$500 paid by Marlboro Paper Co., it's successors, I assign the right to flow as much of my land bordering on Brewer Pond in said Monterey as will naturally be flowed by raising the water in said Pond as high as two drill holes in the northerly side of a large rock on land of James M. Fargo, which holes are four foot higher than another hole in said rock made in 1847 to indicate the highest to which the Hydraulic Association then had a right to raise the water of said Pond and which holes are 10 feet 8 inches higher than the top of Bull Head Rock, so called. Intending by this instrument to convey to said Paper Co. the right to my land above described, forever if wanted for the purpose of flowage. It is also understood that if the , Reservoir Dam to which additions in height and width are being made should fall in to disuse, such disuse shall not be a forfeiture of the privileges continued twenty years. (20)

June 13, 1893

Hydraulic Co. to Hyer and G.A. Stevens, same rights

April 6, 1895

Berkshire P. and E. Co. to G.A. Stevens

Sheriff Sale for \$30, one half interest in Reservoir

December 27, 1898

G.A. Stevens to the Ousatonic Water Co.

Ousatonic Water Co. to the Town of Monterey, for \$4,500.00 rights it ought to have to a certain tract of land and reservoir belonging to the Hydraulic Co. and right to raise and maintain the water, 10-1/2 feet above its ordinary level, and to flow such land as will be flowed to do so and the rights as a lower riparian owner upon the stream in to which said reservoir discharges.

P.S. This document was in a letter to A.W. Tryon Nov. 9, 1965 from Harold W. Schwab, wanting to know where the Bull Head Rock is located on Lake Garfield.

To those who read this, Bull Head Rock, so called is located on the West Shore on land of Paul Thorn, east of Parkers Bay. This was land of said Fargo in the 1850's.

LAKE GARFIELD DAM

History tells us that the first white man who settled in Monterey was a man named Brewer. He built the first house for his family in the same meadow that our present parsonage was built. Several hundred feet northeast of the house is a large pond, which was called Brewer Pond.

on July 4, 1881 a gathering of town's people was being held at Pine Grove Hall, then owned by Fargo. when word came that President Garfield was assassinated. The president had spent several summers in Tyringham and had come to fish in Brewer Pond many times. As an honor to him a unamimous vote was cast to call Brewer Pond Lake Garfield. This is how Lake Garfield got its name.

As near as we can come to history, we think the first dam was built on the outlet to Brewer Pond in the early 1950's. Easement was made by the landowners to flow their land to a height not to exceed two drill holes in the northerly side of Bull Head Rock on the land of James Fargo. (Note* Bull Head rock is located on the wateredge on the east shore of Parkers Bay, once owned by James Fargo) The owners were the Fargo's, Dowds, Heaths, and Bidwells.

In a diary owned by Mary Steadman dated 1865 daughter of Adson Steadman who lived in the house with the three large pillars at the village it reads, "reservoir was raised in the fall of 1875...broke away in March 22, 1876, also on May 5th. 1888 the reservoir



examined by the selectmen in behalf of the town. They decided that only six feet of water was safe." On another page is recorded, "On April 20, 1891 reservoir sprang a leak and we all went to W. S. Bidwells and spent the night."

The dam at Lake Garfield was constructed to impound the water for commercial use by a firm on the Housatonic River located at Derby, Conn. In July and August when the water was lowin the Housatonic River the company would send word to open the gate and let out water. By so doing, the lake would recede and leave the shore with the cottages in a muddy mess.

About 1912 the summer residents staged a drive to collect money to buy the water rights and in the summer of 1913 a dedication at the dam was held and a marble marker was unveiled with the inscription on same which reads:

"Water Rights purchased and given to the Town of Monterey by the summer and towns people."

In the early 1930's there was another scare that the dam was liable to break and the water level was ordered lowered. Dye was used to try and find the leak but with no success and in 1934 a contract was let to drive sheet steel piling at the road edge, twenty feet below the level of the road. This was done to all but two of the piling which could not be lowered below the fifteen feet road mark. These were cut off by a cutting torch.

When the gates were closed and the pressure on the water became greater, the leak appeared as ever or even more.



In 1947 another scare on the lake took place and the lake was lowered and drill holes were bored ten feet in front of the old piling and samples were taken to find the consistency of the formation. Again sheet piling was driven by a contractor from Williamstown, named David Dean, and a core of blue clay was drawn from the outlet of Fargo pond and filled between the two sets of piling at a cost of seventy three thousand dollars. The dam was finished by Dean in 1949.

In the last few years many cottages have been built on the shores of thelake. One in particular, located on what is called the Narrows, was built by Gordon Burhans from Harley, New York. Mr. Burhans is the uncle of Robert Brown.

Every weekend when coming to his cottage in 1962 Gordon would find his boat on dry land where the water had lowered several inches leaving boats out of the water to dry out and leak. It would take a few days to swell back so that the boat could be used. Gordon wrote a letter to the selectment of the town complaining about how fast the water was receding and that he thought that there was a large leak in the spillway.

A reply was that God was the one who made it rain and the so-called leak at the spillway was a boiling spring and had been there for many years. Gordon, not satisfied with the reply, sent a letter to the Berkshire County engineers in regard to the lowering of the water. Mr. Heaphy stated that in the past years many pounds of dye had been used to

to locate the so-called leak but with no success. So the leak was thought to be a boiling spring.

Gordon then not convinced took it up with the geological service, finding with the amount of rain and days
of sunshine the evaporation would not be only about three
and one half to four inches per foot of lowering of the
lake. In other words, four inches in evaporation and
eight inches by a leak. Also, the temperature was taken
of the water in the lake and compared with the leak water.
Both registered the same. But at the spring house, where
the water is used by the cottages at the Schwab development and an artesian well, that was created by test drill
holes which were made in 1949 while repairing the old dam,
a difference of two and one half to three degrees colder
were recorded. The water leak was 20 - 30 GPM.

The winter of 1968 the hill had a heavy covering of snow and when the spring rains and fog came in April, the run-off started and the lake began to rise more rapidly than usual. Mr. Brown, coming to the village, stopped at the dam to see if the leak or boiling spring had changed by the added weight of water in the lake. To his surprise, he saw where more sediment had accumulated on the basin of the leak and colored water was seeping through the foundation of the dam. The water in the spillway was rising quite rapidly as well.

Stopping at the village and talking with other men, word got around very quickly. Several men went to investigate. One, Ray Tryon, living on the banks of the Konkapot, was so alarmed, that he moved much of his equipment to



higher ground.

The gate keeper was notified and he opened the gate to full capacity, but the lake kept on rising. The county engineer was called in to pass his judgement and being alarmed by what he saw had the United States Corps of Engineers come and inspect the whole construction. They recommended the lowering of the water at once.

The next day four large Diesel driven pumps arrived and started pumping water from the lake into the brook across the road. This made a detour to and from Tyringham. Our Monterey Civil Defence director, Carl Champigny, gave his assistance by erecting a shelter where the men who were hired to keep a twenty-four hour watch could stay. Heat, light and a telephone was installed in the shelter and all the inhabitants along the Konkapot River were notified of what might take place.

The watch and the pumping lasted for several days. The conservation committee met with other committees of state and county and asked for help to build a new dam.

In June 1970 the legislature appropriated \$350,000 to construct a new dam and relocate a new road west of the old road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works. Robert Brown, a native of Monterey, and doing work under the name of Robert Brown Associates, was given the work to test ground and bring in the best location for a new dam.

In the final stage it was decided to take eleven acres from Mrs. Arthur Smith, about seven acres from



Mrs. Julia Welch which was the James Martin farm, and two and four tenths acres of Mr. Ramos Cobian land. This was a parcel of land once owned by Marshal Bidwell which bordered the brook that ran from Brewer Pond. It was later sold to Walter Whitestone, where he built a cottage, and now is owned by said Cobian. A very small piece of land owned by Harold Schwab and on the north side of the brook a piece of land once owned by the Hyland Dowd farm, now owned by Arnold Pratt living in the cottage at the foot of what is known as Scott's Hill. This cottage was built by Tony Scott in the early thirties.

The lake consists of about eight acres with a buffer zone of about twelve and a half acres around the perimeter of the lake.

The total cost was \$27,000; the town share \$13,500, and the state share \$13,500. Paying for the land taken: Smith, \$6,105; Welch \$8,075; Cobian, \$8,000; Pratt, \$4320; and Schwab, \$500.

The contract was given to Petricca Construction Company of Pittsfield and in April 4, 1972 strarted cutting trees and brush. The state had a law of no burning so all the brush and mud had to be carted away to land of Harold Schwab on Beartown Mt. Road. When the dam was finished, the rubbish was covered and leveled making a fine piece of land for building or growing crops.

Petricca moved about 40,000 yards of this material from the basin of the lake so as to have no decaying matter left in the small lake. Some 10,000 cubic yards of



material was drawn to make the fill. 45,5000 cubic yards of sand gravel was trucked in from a new gravel bank opened on the River Road next to the U.S. Trout Hatchery owned by Stanley Zelka. All material was leveled and rooted by a compactor and rooter drawn by a tractor.

The new dam was constructed of earth taken from land of Julia Welch, which is where the emergency spillway is now located. The spillway, itself, is constructed of cement and an iron gate with a three foot cement tube running under and at the bottom of the earth dam. The overflow at the spillway was built four inches higher than the spillway at the old dam, making the two lakes a new elevation of 1286 feet. There are three seven foot culverts connecting the two lakes and a three foot cement tube so that Lake Garfield can be lowered if necessary.

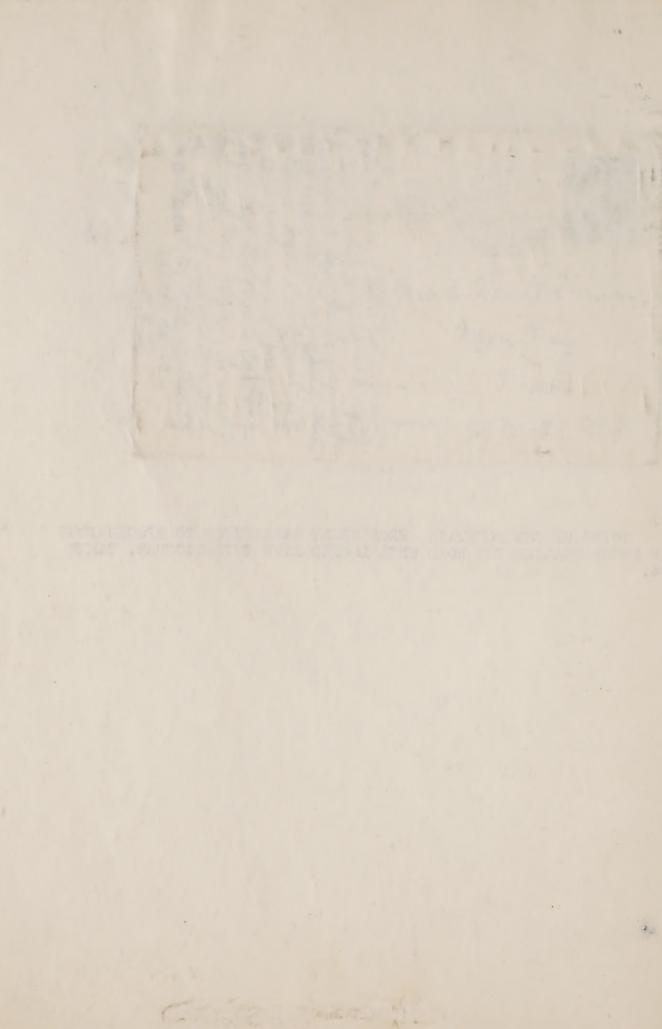
We hope the new lake will be called Little Brewer.

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GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN FROM GREAT BARRINGTON TO STOCKBRIDGE ONE CAN NEVER REALIZE THE ROAD ONCE LOOKED LIKE THIS PICTURE, TAKEN IN 1894.



Albert Tryonte Forilla Smith Alice to Frank Conley Ida to Edward Cheasman Alice to Arthur Calvert No children Delmor to Louise Angard Mary to Thomas Reed David Robart Josephine to Joe Johnson No Children Second Wife Martha Jones Delmor to Frances Collins Richardto B. Jost Morthato Race Richard Bert E. to helia Burrows Albert Wallace to Marguerite Stedman Raymond to June Cl

